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Checkpoint Charlie bans actors posing as US soldiers

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Actors dressed as U.S. soldiers at Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin have been banned from the iconic Cold War location because of their aggressive and abusive way with tourists, city officials said.

Passersby were "literally forced to pay for a picture with the actors," Stefanie Kunze, a spokeswoman for the district in Berlin that houses the former border crossing, said in an email.

Following several complaints from citizens and tourists, local authorities decided to take action and bar the soldier impersonators from the popular tourist site, she said.

The ban comes as Germany celebrates 30 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The impersonators, who were from the casting agency "Dance Factory," were verbally abusing and even following tourists who refused to offer donations after having their pictures taken with them, the German newspaper

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A man dressed as a U.S. soldier stops a vehicle at the original site of the famous Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin in 2009.



FAST AND FEARLESS

Belgian Malinois is ideal breed of dog to track down insurgents, trainer says

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

The canine that led the charge into a tunnel to corner Islamic State's top side, said the man who helped train the famous military working dog. "You could come here and visit and I could put him in your lap," trainer and former Air Force Master Sgt Ken Licklider said. "Conan would crawl up and let you feed him a bonbon."

On the other hand, under certain circumstances, you could be the bonbon.

Conan, who was wounded after cornering Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in a dead-end tunnel in a compound in Syria, just before the ISIS leader blew himself up along with two children, is a Belgian Malinois.

The breed is generally considered fiercer, fleetier, more driven and perhaps less intelligent than the German shepherd it's been gradually replacing in the military and law enforcement.

German shepherds "do try to think things through more than a driven Malinois," said Licklider, who owns Volme Liche Kennels. The company contracts with Special Operations Command to provide their

forces with "multi-purpose canines" — dogs trained to track insurgents, subdue armed terrorists, sniff out weapons and explosives, parachute out of planes and fast-rope out of helicopters.

"I don't want the smartest dog," Licklider said. "I want the ones that storm the beach under a hail of machine-gun fire and think they're going to live through it."

Sometimes referred to as "Maligators," the breed once used for herding has been widely embraced by the U.S. military.

"There was no better dog to handle

Senior Airman Sarah Pawlak, 22nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, holds Sani back during controlled aggression training in December at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. Sani is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois.

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U.S. Air Force

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MIDEAST

Turkey says Kurdish fighters still at Syrian border

By MEHMET GUZEL
Associated Press

SURUC, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Tuesday for Russia and the United States to keep to their promises and ensure that Syrian Kurdish fighters pull out of a so-called safe zone along Syria's northern border with Turkey.

In his weekly speech to ruling party legislators, Erdogan said Syrian Kurdish fighters were still present in some of the border areas in northeastern Syria. That's despite two cease-fire agreements — brokered by the U.S. and Russia — that halted Turkey's military offensive to allow Kurdish fighters to pull back from the border.

Turkey considers these Kurdish-led forces to be terrorists, but the same fighters had also made up the core of the U.S.-backed force that battled Islamic State.

"We know that terrorists are present within the limits of the safe zone we have designated with both sides," Erdogan said. "They cannot deceive us by saying, 'We have taken the terrorists out of these places. We have cleared them of terrorists.'"

He said the Kurdish fighters were still present in the Tal Rafat and Manbij regions, as well as an area east of the town of Ras al-Ayn.

Turkey's agreements with Moscow and Washington allowed for the Kurdish fighters to withdraw 19 miles away from the border.



MEHMET GUZEL/AP

A Russian army vehicle enters Syria on the outskirts of Suruc, southeastern Turkey, as it begins its joint patrol with Turkish forces Tuesday. Turkey says Syrian Kurdish fighters remain in an area along the Syrian border declared a safe zone.

Erdogan also said Turkish troops were being attacked by some Syrian Kurdish fighters

from areas they had retreated to, adding that Turkey would not "remain a spectator" to these

assaults.

"We will do what is necessary, as we have in the past," Erdogan said, without elaborating.

Erdogan later told reporters that U.S. troops were conducting joint patrols with the Syrian Kurdish fighters despite the agreement with Turkey.

Separately, Turkey's Defense Ministry said Kurdish fighters detonated a car bomb in Tal Abyad on Tuesday, but that no one was hurt in the attack. The ministry said the perpetrator was caught but it provided no further details.

Turkey considers the Kurdish fighters to be terrorists because of their links to Kurdish militants fighting inside Turkey.

Afghan president, Chinese FM discuss Taliban dialogue

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi have discussed a planned meeting in Beijing that would in-

clude Afghan figures and Taliban representatives.

That meeting — known as an "intra-Afghan dialogue" — was to take place last month but has been postponed. No new date has

been set. The last time it was held was in July in Qatar.

The dialogue is a separate process from the U.S.-Taliban talks that collapsed in September.

Tuesday's Afghan statement

says Ghani and Wang underscored the Afghan government and people's role in the peace process. Ghani insists his government must lead any dialogue with the Taliban, though the in-

surgents refuse to talk to government representatives.

The future of his office is also uncertain as Afghanistan awaits the long-overdue results of September presidential elections.

Turkish official: Al-Baghdadi's sister captured in northwestern Syria

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Turkey captured the elder sister of the slain leader of Islamic State in northwestern Syria on Monday, according to a senior Turkish official, who called the arrest an intelligence

"gold mine."

Little is known about the sister of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. The Turkish official said the sister, known as Rasmiya Awad, 65, is suspected of being affiliated with the extremist group. He did not elaborate.

Awad was captured in a raid Monday evening on a trailer container she was living in with her family near the town of Azaz in Aleppo province. The area is part of the region administered by Turkey after it carried out a military incursion to chase away

ISIS militants and Kurdish fighters starting in 2016. Allied Syrian groups manage the area, known as the Euphrates Shield zone.

The official said the sister was with her husband, daughter-in-law and five children. The adults are being interrogated, he said,

speaking on condition of anonymity in line with government protocol.

"What she knows about [ISIS] can significantly expand our understanding of the group and help us catch more bad guys," the official said.

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Navy's top submariner taking over STRATCOM

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Navy's top submariner will take over command of the U.S. military's nuclear enterprise after his unanimous confirmation by the Senate last week to become the leader of U.S. Strategic Command.

Vice Adm. Charles Richard will be promoted to four-star admiral when he takes the helm of STRATCOM at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska following his confirmation Thursday. Richard has most recently been serving as the Navy's submarine forces commander since August 2018. He has also served in recent years as the deputy commander at STRATCOM, according to his Navy biography.

Richard will replace Air Force Gen. John Hyten, who was confirmed in September to become the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the No. 2 ranking officer in the U.S. military.

In his new command, Richard will be responsible for the three-legged U.S. nuclear enterprise, which can deliver nuclear arms from land- and sea-based missiles and by using aircraft.

Richard, like his recent predecessors, listed upgrading the nuclear triad among the top priorities within STRATCOM when he testified Oct. 24 before the Senate Armed Services Committee. The nuclear enterprise, he testified, must be modernized as soon as possible to ensure the United

States can maintain a legitimate nuclear deterrent against adversarial nations such as China and Russia.

"We have delayed and life-extended the triad systems to the maximum extent possible," Richard said. "What I mean by that is we are bumping into physics and engineering limits."

Richard adopted the same opinion as several past STRATCOM bosses on the potential for the United States to use nuclear weapons first in a time of conflict. The admiral said America should retain the right to use such power first, telling the Senate committee that adopting a so-called no-first-use policy could leave allied nations questioning whether they might need their own nuclear deterrent.

"I think adoption of a no-first-use policy would have a significant negative effect on our commitments to our allies," he said.

No-first-use policies have been championed by several lawmakers in Congress including Rep. Adam Smith, D-Calif., the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and one of the front-runners among Democrats seeking the presidential nomination in 2020.

Richard is a 1982 graduate of the University of Alabama who has served the vast majority of his career in the submariner community but has also completed assignments at the Pentagon and within STRATCOM, according to the Navy.



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Vice Adm. Charles Richard, center, commander of Naval Submarine Forces, examines computer parts with Naval Submarine School students last year in New London, Conn. Richard will take over command of U.S. Strategic Command after being confirmed by the Senate last week.

He has commanded submarines including the USS Parche and the since-deactivated Submarine NR-1, a one-of-its-kind nuclear-powered, deep-submergence vessel used in a variety of missions including ocean research and installing underwater equipment. His other submarine assignments include service aboard the USS Portsmouth, the USS Asheville and the USS Scranton, according to the Navy.

Richard has also commanded Submarine Squadron 17 in Bangor, Wash., and Submarine Group 10 at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia and directed the Undersea Warfare Program at the Pentagon.

With Russia and China modernizing

their military equipment, including their own nuclear forces, as they attempt to gain influence across the globe, Richard said the United States must invest in its nuclear enterprise to retain its power and military superiority.

"With the return to great-power competition ... we must never lose sight of the fundamental nature and importance of our nation's strategic forces," Richard told the Senate committee last month. "A powerful, ready triad remains the most effective way to deter adversaries from conducting attacks against the U.S. and our allies."

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US fleets conduct drills to boost security in East Africa

BY SCOTT WYLAND

Stars and Stripes

The Navy's 5th and 6th fleets are conducting exercises in tandem to help East African and Indian Ocean nations combat sea-going crimes and other threats in the region.

This first-time coupling of the sea policing drill Cutlass Express with the large-scale International Maritime Exercise, or IMX, will boost security efforts among the more than 60 participating navies as well as the two U.S. fleets whose theaters border each other, the Navy said.

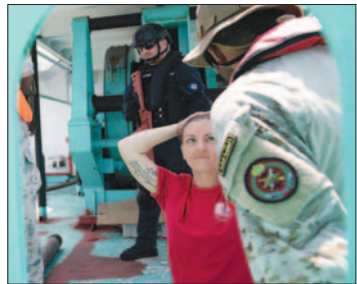
"As we all know, crime at sea doesn't heed any imaginary lines that we've drawn that separate our fleets," Rear Adm. Nancy Lacore, 6th Fleet's vice commander, told Stars and Stripes. "They flow freely across the Indian Ocean regardless of where we put a line down."

Cutlass Express, hosted by U.S. Africa Command and Naval Forces Europe and Africa, is taking place a few months early to run concurrently with the broader IMX, hosted by Naval Forces Central Command.

The three-week dual exercise runs until Nov. 16. Most of the two fleets' drills are separate but in proximity. The fleets will exercise together in the Gulf of Aden, practicing explosive ordnance



Left: A Djiboutian coast guardsmen participates in a visit, board, search and seizure exercise during Cutlass Express and the International Maritime Exercise off the coast of Djibouti, Africa, on Sunday. Right: Petty Officer 2nd Class Allie Phillips and a member of the Saudi Arabia's special operations forces play a role during the drill.



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disposal, port protection and other defensive tactics.

In Cutlass Express, 18 navies are training to spot, raid and search ships during simulations near Djibouti, Seychelles, Madagascar and Mauritius. Some of those navies will be among the 58 taking part in IMX, which includes nations in active or observer roles.

In the past, IMX focused on countering mines, defending against missiles and combating

fast-attack vessels, such as the ones Iran commonly uses.

Mine countermeasures training will continue this year, but other scenarios will focus on protecting infrastructure, boarding techniques, explosives disposal and patrol force operations.

The two fleets' commands are sharing information, including for sea policing. The teamwork will better enable one fleet to hand off policing to the other when criminal activities cross boundaries, Lacore said.

The exercise helps African navies police seaborne crimes such as illegal fishing, gun running and unlawful ship fueling, Lacore said.

The region's growing economy and improved infrastructure feed illicit activities as much as legal ones, threatening the countries' stability and leaving them more open for violent extremists and U.S. rivals to exploit, said Christopher Jaspardo, national security affairs professor at the Naval War College.

U.S. efforts to bolster regional security, including through naval exercises, are well-regarded in Africa, Jaspardo said, so it's important that the U.S. keep it.

"Not only can this help build security and help combat common threats, but it also gives the U.S. influence, leverage and goodwill in a region where it faces competition from countries like Russia and China," Jaspardo said.

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MILITARY

Space-available mail to take longer to get to Europe

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Mom will have to knit that sweater a little earlier if she wants to send it by space-available mail from the States to an Air Force post office in Europe in time for the end-of-year holidays.

Starting Nov. 16, space-available mail sent from the U.S. to Air Force-serviced post offices in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands will once again cross the Atlantic by boat, taking between a month and 45 days to arrive, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron officials said Tuesday.

Space-available — or deferred — mail costs less to ship to APO/FPO addresses overseas than priority and express mail services. It is moved by ground across the U.S. and, until last spring, was put in containers and shipped by boat across the ocean.

But even though space-available mail wasn't filling the shipping containers, the Air Force was still paying for a full container. Since May, the USAFE Air Postal Squadron has been paying to transport space-available mail by commercial air from the U.S. to Europe along with more expensive priority and express mail, said Lt. Col. Derek Molloy, USAFE Air Postal Squadron commander.

"It ended up costing a little more, but not a whole lot more" to fly the mail over to Europe, Mol-

loy said. As a result, "anything coming space available and priority was getting here around the same time."

That's about to change, he said. With the added mail volume expected for the holidays, "We can fill the containers," he said.

That, and the fact that it "becomes prohibitively expensive" to use air transportation for all classes of mail during the holidays, mean the Air Force in Europe will go back to putting space-available mail on ships until the end of the holiday mailing season, around Jan. 15, Molloy said.

Bulky items exceeding 108 inches in length and girth combined are usually sent space-available.

"If somebody tries to order tires in December, it's going to take a long time," Molloy said, but most items that service members and their families order online from the States for the holidays probably won't be affected.

Items sent space-available via military mail from Europe to the States will continue to be shipped by air and then by ground once they arrive in the U.S., USAFE air postal squadron training manager Lionel Rivera said.

The Army flies all mail, no matter the class, and that is not expected to change during the holidays, said Ray Johnson, a spokesman for Army Installation Management Command-Europe.

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Actors: Police will intervene if impersonations continue

FROM FRONT PAGE

Bild reported Monday. Around 10 actors from the agency posed for pictures and stamped tourist documents, the tabloid said.

Claims reported by Bild that the soldat impersonators mistreated tourists and that they made up to \$6,000 daily were roundly dismissed by Dance Factory head Tom Luszelt. The fake soldiers might have had a word with tourists who didn't pay them 3 euros after having a picture taken, but never did they harass visitors to the popular site, Luszelt said.

As for their earnings, "We made at most 700 euros a day. And we paid tax on that," he told German newspaper Der Tagesspiegel.

Checkpoint Charlie was the best known of three American-controlled border crossings in divided West Berlin. The U.S. and Soviet Union nearly went to war

when the border crossing opened in 1961, as tanks from both sides came within inches of each other on opposite sides of the checkpoint during a high-stakes standoff.

In the years after the Berlin Wall was built, the checkpoint saw many attempts by East Germans to flee to the West. Today, little remains of Checkpoint Charlie, and some locals regard the impersonators at the checkpoint and the nearby tourist traps as tacky eyesores.

The actors did not have a permit to masquerade as U.S. soldiers at the site, said Kunze, and were only "tolerated" by authorities up to now. Police will intervene if any of the soldier impersonators continue working at the former border crossing, she said.

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WINIFRED BROWN/U.S. Army

Bill, a Belgian Malinois military working dog assigned to the 901st Military Police Detachment, practices fugitive apprehension with Spc. Caleb Nicholas, at Camp Zama, Japan, in April. While the breed is ideal for tracking down insurgents, it may not be the best as a family pet.

Malinois: Military dog 'aggressive, less careful'

FROM FRONT PAGE

the task of tracking down insurgents, biting armed terrorists, finding weapons caches and just generally scaring the [expletive] out of everyone that faced them," according to a Vohne Lichte website essay.

Israeli soldiers also prefer Malinois, said Dr. Hagai Schermann, a doctor and researcher who led a study that documented how often military dogs bite their handlers.

Malinois are "more aggressive and less careful," Schermann said soldiers told him. "That's why they prefer Malinois. They say German shepherds are too smart. They didn't want to attack the terrorists."

Schermann's 2017 study found that the 78 soldiers who took part in the research were bitten 139 times, and about half were bitten by their own dogs, usually during training.

"Belgian Malinois were involved in a majority of bite events," the study found.

The bites posed a significant burden on readiness, requiring treatments ranging from antibiotics to surgery, Schermann said. Some bite injuries were career-ending, he said.

Cairo, the Belgian Malinois that took part in the 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden, wore a muzzle when he met President Barack Obama, according to

press reports. That was at the direction of the Secret Service, which also uses the breed to patrol the White House grounds.

Two of them — Hurricane and Jordan — were also hailed as heroes after they took down a man who jumped the north fence in 2014.

"They're fast, they're fearless and their drive is out of this world," Licklider said.

But the breed can become super-aggressive through bad bloodlines or training, Licklider said.

"It's all about buying the right animal and doing the right training," he said. "In the '80s and '90s, we were getting dogs that would flat-out eat you. But we got smarter."

Still, even the sweetest Malinois might not be the right dog for a family pet, Licklider said.

The high-energy breed needs a lot of exercise and, according to the Tennessee-based Malinois Ranch Rescue website, "may not tolerate small animals or children."

So while the Malinois might be the ideal canine partner on a special ops mission, "they're not necessarily what you'd want in your living room," Licklider said.

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Navy probe finds no misconduct by sailor who was fatally shot

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser

A Navy submariner who was fatally shot through the locked front door at a frightened neighbor's house in 2018 "did not kick the door, bang on it, yell, or otherwise show aggressive behavior," according to a Navy "line of duty" investigation that found no misconduct.

Chief Petty Officer John E. Hasselbrink, 41, a fire control technician on the Pearl Harbor submarine USS Illinois, had consumed "at least" seven drinks prior to the April 15 shooting and had a blood alcohol level of 0.25 — three times the legal threshold for driving, the Navy report said.

Hasselbrink arrived by Uber at 3:30 a.m. that Sunday morning and attempted to enter the wrong townhouse, 141 feet away from his own in Ewa Beach.

The Navy investigation, obtained by the Honolulu Star-Advertiser through the Freedom of Information Act, said Hasselbrink appeared to assume his own door would be unlocked and said out loud, "Who locked my door?"

Hasselbrink was shot through the door by Army veteran Gregory A. Farr, 35, who feared for his family's safety and had loaded a single round into a DPMS AR-15-style rifle, striking the Navy chief in the neck and killing him on the

front porch, according to reports.

"A reasonable person cannot assume that engaging the door-knob on the door of an incorrect apartment would lead to death from a gun fired on the other side of the door," the Navy investigation found. "FTC Hasselbrink did not yell, kick, strike the door or act belligerently during this encounter; he merely attempted to open a door."

As such, his actions were not the result of willful neglect and not due to his own misconduct, according to the investigation, which was approved by the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet submarine force.

MILITARY

USAF seeks to use majority of Nev. wildlife refuge

BY DINO GRANDONI
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The Washington Post

The U.S. Air Force is seeking to assert control over as much as two-thirds of a wildlife refuge in Nevada for training troops and testing weapons, according to a legislative proposal sent by military planners to the Department of the Interior and obtained by The Washington Post.

The military's Nevada Test and Training Range already encompasses much of a vast stretch of southern Nevada desert originally set aside for bighorn sheep, desert tortoise and other wildlife. But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service retains primary authority over the refuge to halt military drills that would otherwise disturb key habitat for plants and animals.

The draft legislation would cover 1.1 million acres of Desert National Wildlife Refuge to be used "primarily for the military purposes" and only "secondarily" as a nature preserve. The military wants to add as much as 260,000 acres of the refuge — the largest in the contiguous United States — to the testing range.

In a statement, the Air Force said it is working with Interior officials to amend the proposed legislation and that the version obtained by the Post is "not the current draft."

The Air Force says it needs the extra space as a safety buffer for the testing of new and more powerful weapons and that no new areas would be bombed, adding that it plans to physically disturb no more than 35 acres in the expanded range.

"The Air Force has conducted a four-year process which included all identified stakeholders to examine the best way to meet the emerging test and training requirements," it said.

Melissa Brown, an Interior Department



TABATHA MCCARTHY/U.S. Air Force

Steve Stocking, with Colorado State University, scans for rattlesnakes on the U.S. military's Test and Training Range in Nevada last month. A military proposal to take over two-thirds of a state wildlife refuge to expand the range is drawing opposition.

spokeswoman, also suggested the draft legislation would be changed before being sent to Congress for inclusion in the next annual defense policy bill, known as the National Defense Authorization Act. "The proposals submitted for the 2021 NDAA are being reviewed and will inevitably change as it goes through the process," she said.

The draft bill, which is subject to changes by Interior officials before being submitted to Congress, gives the military the authority to do much more than just expand its testing grounds. It would jettison an environmental review that has happened every 20 years and exempt the area from wildlife refuge law, opening the way for the Air Force to mine sand, gravel and other materials from within the refuge for construction.

Some nearby residents, environmental

groups and Native American tribes worry the proposal — outlined by the Air Force late last year but fleshed out in detail in the military's draft bill — would render much of the desert wilderness north of Las Vegas a refuge in name only.

Jenny Keating, a federal lands policy analyst at the nonprofit Defenders of Wildlife who reviewed the draft bill, said it would "pull the teeth out of refuge law."

"The Air Force's damaging proposal represents not just an existential threat to Desert National Wildlife Refuge but to the integrity of the refuge system itself," she added.

The push to expand military testing in the refuge has sparked fierce opposition from the Moapa Band of Paiutes, whose ancestral lands extend across the testing range and refuge, as well as beyond Nevada.

Last year, the tribe adopted a resolution outlining its objections, which included concerns about how the move would curtail access to sacred sites, damage cultural artifacts and harm desert bighorn sheep with which tribal members share a strong connection.

Greg Anderson, who chaired the tribe last year and served on its tribal council for the preceding five years, said in a phone interview that Air Force officials have consulted with tribal officials but have failed to carry out their pledges to protect sensitive sites in the past. He pointed to Pintwater Cave, a site on the tribe's former lands on which ordnance has been dropped.

"You can see the projectiles in the walls," Anderson said, adding that incidents like that have prompted him to mistrust the Air Force's promises. "They're not doing what they're saying they're doing," he said.

The fact that the tribe's 358 members will have to get special clearances to access sacred sites is equally problematic, he added. "They've already taken away all our land," Anderson said, referring to the 2.3 million acres the Moapa Band of Paiutes used to control.

In the resolution, the tribe noted that its creation stories describe how its people entered the mountains and left as sheep.

"In essence, the sheep are people," it states. "It is our duty to protect the mountain sheep, for if they die, then we die too."

Redefining protections on the Desert Refuge comes at a time when the Trump administration is trying to build a border wall through refuges in Texas and Arizona and open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.

Rep. Steven Horsford, a Democrat whose district encompasses the refuge, is vehemently against the proposal.

"I will do everything in my power to preserve this untouched habitat," he said.

General Dynamics gets multibillion-dollar Navy sub deal

BY TONY CAPACCO
Bloomberg

The U.S. Navy has reached an agreement with General Dynamics Corp. on a multibillion-dollar deal to buy the next batch of Virginia-class attack submarines, according to the service.

After protracted negotiations, the deal was cut from 11 submarines to nine, with an option to buy a 10th vessel in 2023, because funding was running more than \$1 billion short, according to service documents and congressional correspondence. The value of the resulting agreement wasn't disclosed.

"We have reached a multiyear" agreement "and are working to announce a contract" by Dec. 31, Navy spokesman Danny Hernandez said in a statement. It "will achieve significant savings, will include important lethality enhancements" and "provide critical stability to the industrial base. Further information will be available upon contract award," he said.

Elizabeth Power, a spokeswoman with General Dynamics' Electric Boat unit, which makes the Virginia-class sub with Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc., said, "We have been working closely with the Navy and stand ready to support their needs. The contract being contemplated allows us to maintain a stable Virginia-class build rate."

By law, the Pentagon must submit a detailed justification for proceeding with a multiyear contract, including outlining "significant savings" that would be realized over annual purchases that give Congress more oversight. Last week, the Defense Department submitted to congressional defense committees a



STEVEN HOSKINS/U.S. Navy

Sailors attend the christening ceremony for the Virginia-class, fast-attack submarine Pre-Commissioning Unit Oregon at General Dynamics' Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., on Oct. 5. General Dynamic has reportedly reached a deal with the U.S. Navy to build none more subs.

proposal certifying savings of 6.8%, or \$1.8 billion, from a nine-ship contract.

Ellen Lord, the Pentagon's acquisitions chief, said in letters to the four defense committees that "while there are sufficient funds" to execute the program through 2024, "there are shortfalls" in fiscal 2022 and 2023 that the Navy has committed to address in its next proposed budget.

Reps. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., and Rob Wittman, R-Va., the Democratic chairman and ranking Republican on the House Armed Services seapower panel, wrote Defense Sec-

retary Mark Esper in September to "express our very serious concern" over the "reduced scope for the contract due to funding shortfalls." They represent districts where the subs are built or workers live.

Navy Secretary Richard Spencer acknowledged in a Sept. 27 reply to lawmakers the reduction to nine submarines with an option to add at least one. The Navy "has been in negotiations" to "achieve a balanced approach with full considerations of technical risk, the industrial base capability and fleet requirements."

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NATION

Ex-ambassador: Ukrainian told her to watch her back

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It started with a warning to watch her back, that people were “looking to hurt” her. From there, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch told House investigators, it escalated into a chilling campaign to fire her as President Donald Trump and his allies angled in Eastern Europe for political advantage at home.

Testimony from Yovanovitch, released on Monday, offered the first word-for-word look at the closed-door House impeachment hearings. Inside, Democrats and Republicans are waging a pitched battle over what to make of Trump’s efforts to get Ukraine’s leaders to investigate political rival Joe Biden, Biden’s son and Democratic activities in the 2016 election.

The transcript came out on the same day that four Trump administration officials defied subpoenas to testify, acting on orders from a White House that is fighting the impeachment investigation with all it might. Among those refusing to testify: John Eisenberg, the lead lawyer at the National Security Council and, by some accounts, the man who ordered a rough transcript of Trump’s phone call with Ukraine’s leader moved to a highly restricted computer system.

During nine hours of sometimes emotional testimony, Yovanovitch detailed efforts led by Rudy Giuliani and other Trump allies to push her out of her post. The career diplomat, who was recalled from her job in May on Trump’s orders, testified that a senior Ukrainian official told her that “I really needed to watch my back.”

While the major thrust of Yovanovitch’s testimony was revealed in her opening statement, Monday’s 317-page transcript

provided new details. Yovanovitch offered significant threats of information, including the possibility that Trump was directly involved in a phone call with Giuliani, the president’s personal lawyer, and the Ukrainians dating back to January 2018. And she pushed back on Republican suggestions that she harbored opposition to Trump.

She had been recalled from Kyiv before the July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukrainian President



Yovanovitch

Volodymyr Zelenskyy that’s at the center of the impeachment inquiry. Later, she was “surprised and dismayed” by what she saw in the transcript of the call — including that Trump had called her “bad news.” He also said that “she’s going to go through some things.”

“I was shocked,” Yovanovitch said, to see “that the president would speak about me or any ambassador in that way to a foreign counterpart.”

Asked about her as he left on a campaign trip on Monday, Trump had a more equivocal comment: “I’m sure she’s a very fine woman. I just don’t know much about her.”

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said transcripts from the hearings are being released so “the American public will begin to see for themselves.” Two were released Monday and more are coming.

Republicans have accused Democrats of conducting a one-sided process behind closed doors.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

People wearing shirts with the words “Read the Transcript” arrive to attend a campaign rally with President Donald Trump in Lexington, Ky., on Monday.

Trump attacks political foes at an election eve rally for Ky. governor

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
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Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Pushing to help a Republican governor hold onto his office, President Donald Trump barnstormed for Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin on Monday, at a raucous election eve rally in which he delivered a series of attacks on Democrats and the impeachment inquiry that is imperiling his presidency.

The campaign finale at Rupp Arena in Lexington reinforced one of Bevin’s main themes throughout his bitter, closely fought reelection campaign — his alliance with Trump, whose popularity eclipses the governor’s in the Bluegrass State.

Trump praised Bevin and linked the governor’s contest against Democrat Andy Beshear, the state’s attorney general, with his own battle against possible impeachment, saying a victory in Kentucky would signal the rise of “an angry majority that will vote

the do-nothing Democrats the hell out of office.”

“We are sending a signal to the rest of the country, to the rest of the world, what the Republican party stands for,” said Trump. “While we are creating jobs and killing terrorists, the radical Democrats are going totally insane.”

“Beshear doesn’t represent you; he represents the Washington swamp and represents the same people who are trying to overthrow the last election,” declared Trump, before adding of Bevin, “He’s such a pain in the ass, but that’s what you want.”

If Bevin loses, Trump said, “they will say Trump suffered the greatest defeat ever. You can’t let that happen to me!”

As he so often does, Trump turned the rally meant for a fellow Republican into a venue to air his own grievances against a litany of familiar foes, including the news media and the House Democrats who voted last week to open an impeachment inquiry into the president’s push for Ukraine to investigate one of his political foes, former Vice Presi-

dent Joe Biden.

“With last week’s vote, the Democrats have declared war on democracy itself,” Trump declared. “In their crazed thirst for power, the Democrats are trying to tear our country apart.”

The impeachment inquiry also loomed large for many in the packed arena. A few dozen supporters seated directly behind the president wore matching “Read the transcript” T-shirts, echoing Trump’s claim that the memo released by the White House of his call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy showed he did nothing wrong.

Democrats believe the memo shows evidence of a quid pro quo in which Trump offered military aid to Ukraine in exchange for the probe into Biden and his family.

Trump supporters packed Rupp Arena, the famed home of the University of Kentucky basketball team, and roared when Trump saluted Bevin.

Beshear, meanwhile, spent the day campaigning in western Kentucky and, despite Trump’s presence, focused on state issues.

US notifies UN that it is withdrawing from Paris climate agreement

By SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States has begun the process of pulling out of the landmark 2015 Paris climate agreement.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday that he submitted a formal notice to the United Nations. That starts a withdrawal process that does not become official for a year. His statement touted America’s carbon pollution cuts and called the Paris deal an “unfair economic burden” to the U.S. economy.

Nearly 200 nations signed the climate deal in which each coun-

try provides its own goals to curb emissions of heat-trapping gases that lead to climate change.

“In international climate discussions, we will continue to offer a realistic and pragmatic model — backed by a record of real-world results — showing innovation and open markets lead to greater prosperity, fewer emissions and more secure sources of energy,” Pompeo said in a statement.

The U.S. started the process with a hand-delivered letter, becoming the only country to withdraw. The United Nations will soon set out procedural details for what happens next, U.N. deputy

spokesman Farhan Haq said.

Agreement rules prevented any country from pulling out in the first three years after the Nov. 4, 2016, ratification. The U.S. withdrawal doesn’t become complete until the day after the 2020 election.

President Donald Trump has been promising withdrawal for two years, but Monday was the first time he could actually do it.

Trump’s decision was condemned as a reckless failure of leadership by environmental experts, activists and critics such as former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

“Donald Trump is the worst president in history for our climate and our clean air and water,” said Michael Brune, the executive director of the Sierra Club. “Long after Trump is out of office, his decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris agreement will be seen as a historic error.”

The agreement set goals of preventing another 0.9 degrees to 1.8 degrees of warming from current levels. Even the pledges made in 2015 weren’t enough to prevent those levels of warming.

The deal calls for nations to come up with more ambitious pollution cuts every five years, start-

ing in November 2020. Because of the expected withdrawal, the U.S. role in 2020 negotiations will be reduced, experts said.

Climate change, largely caused by the burning of coal, oil and gas, has already warmed the world by 1.8 degrees since the late 1800s, caused massive melting of ice globally, triggered weather extremes and changed ocean chemistry. Scientists say, depending on how much carbon dioxide is emitted, it will only get worse by the end of the century, with temperatures jumping by several degrees and oceans rising by close to 3 feet.

NATION

Family: Suspect in acid attack a vet with PTSD

By IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee police arrested a man suspected of throwing battery acid on a Hispanic man who said his attacker asked him, "Why did you come here and invade my country?"

Police said Monday they arrested a white man suspected in Friday night's attack and were investigating the case as a hate crime. They refused to release his name pending charges, but the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel identified him as Clifton A. Blackwell, 61, a military veteran whose mother said had struggled with post-traumatic stress.

Mahud Villalaz suffered second-degree burns to his face. He said the attack happened after a man confronted him about how he had parked his car and accused him of being in the U.S. illegally. Villalaz, 42, is a U.S. citizen who immigrated from Peru.

The attack comes amid a spike in hate crimes directed at immigrants that researchers and experts on extremism say is tied to mainstream political rhetoric.

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett expressed shock at the attack and blamed President Donald Trump for inciting hatred against minorities. The president has repeatedly referred to migrants attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border as an "invasion."

"To single out someone because they're from a Hispanic origin is simply wrong. And we know what's happening," said



SOPHIE CARSON, THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL-SENTINEL/AP

Mahud Villalaz, of Milwaukee, gestures to the burns on his face at a news conference Saturday, one day after a man threw acid at him.

Barrett, a Democrat. "Everybody knows what's happening. It's because the president is talking about it on a daily basis that people feel they have license to go after Hispanic people, and it's wrong."

White House spokesman Judd Deere said the Trump administration has "repeatedly condemned racism, bigotry and violence."

"The only person responsible for this heinous act is the person who committed it, and it's disgusting the mayor of Milwaukee

would rather point the finger at the president of the United States for political reasons instead (of) responsibly confronting the violence in his own community," Deere said in a statement.

Jacqueline P. Blackwell, of California, told the Journal Sentinel that her son had moved to Milwaukee seeking to get help. She said she had not been in touch with him recently and had not heard of his arrest.

"I was comfortable that he was getting good care with the [Department of Veter-

ans Affairs]," she told the paper.

Blackwell's brother, Arthur Blackwell, 63, of Evergreen, Colo., told The Associated Press on Monday that Blackwell "was not a confrontational person." He said his brother served nearly four years in the U.S. Marines.

State court records show Blackwell was convicted in a 2006 Rusk County case of false imprisonment and pointing a gun at a person. Details aren't available online, but the Journal-Sentinel reported that the case involved Blackwell confronting men who had come onto his farm property tracking a deer.

Surveillance video shows the confrontation but does not include audio.

Villalaz told reporters on Saturday that he was headed into a Mexican restaurant for dinner when a man approached him and told him, "You cannot park here. You are doing something illegal." He said the man also accused him of being in the U.S. illegally and of invading the country.

He said he ignored the man and moved his truck to another block. When he returned to the restaurant, the man was waiting for him with an open bottle, Villalaz said.

The man again accused him of being in the U.S. illegally, Villalaz said. He then told the man that he was a citizen and that "everybody came from somewhere else here," Villalaz said.

That's when he says the man tossed acid at him. Villalaz turned his head, and the liquid hit the left side of his face.

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SC abortion bill up for vote but faces iffy future

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina could get closer to being the latest state to pass a ban on almost all abortions Tuesday as a proposal faces another vote, but the bill's future is murky because it does not include exceptions for victims of rape and incest.

The state Senate Medical Affairs Committee is expected to pass the measure along to the full Senate floor for a possible 2020 election-year fight.

The "heartbeat abortion" ban would make almost all abortions illegal in South Carolina after a fetal heartbeat is detected, usually around six weeks after conception.

The bill already faced an iffy

future next year because some more moderate Republicans senators don't want to waste days fighting over it with Democrats, instead suggesting lawmakers should wait and see what happens with court challenges to similar measures passed into law in other states. They suggest that if the bans elsewhere prevail, then South Carolina should follow suit.

Similar bills have passed in recent years in Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio. Missouri approved a ban on abortions after eight weeks of pregnancy, and Alabama lawmakers simply outlawed all abortions. All of them remain tied up in courts.

Another roadblock to South Carolina's bill may have been put up last month by its most ardent supporters. The bill passed the



South Carolina's Senate Medical Affairs Committee is expected to pass the controversial "heartbeat abortion" bill Tuesday. The highly restrictive measure faces an iffy future, however.



PHOTOS BY JEFFREY COLLINS/AP

state House allowing exceptions for pregnancies caused by rape or incest. A Senate subcommittee removed those exceptions.

South Carolina already had an abortion showdown in 2018 after Democratic Sen. Brad Hutto, of Orangeburg, who has fought restrictions on the procedure for decades, altered a bill banning a specific type of abortion into a ban on almost all abortions. Hutto then dared lawmakers to pass the total ban.

Moderate Republicans couldn't support the proposal, which failed. Democrats have added a seat since that election.

The heartbeat abortion bill passed the South Carolina House

last year after the rape and incest exceptions were added on the House floor following a speech by Rep. Nancy Mace, a Republican from Charleston, who told for the first time how she was raped when she was a teen.

Gov. Henry McMaster enthusiastically supported a ban even before it was changed in the House. He has promised to sign the bill if it passes.

Sen. Richard Cash put the incest and rape ban back in the bill. The Republican from Powdersville was elected in 2017 in a campaign promising to do all he could to end abortion.

"There are no easy answers in such a situation, but I believe

there are right answers," Cash said, condemning rape and incest as terrible crimes as he proposed the amendment at last month's meeting. "Whether you mean to or not, you are punishing a person wrongfully for something he or she had nothing to do with."

Democratic state Sen. Kevin Johnson said he wished Republicans spent as much time on the issues of living children as what goes on inside a pregnant woman's womb.

"Now we're saying, although you were innocent and were raped, you've got to carry that baby for nine months," the Democrat from Manning said. "That's just kind of horrific."

Study: Fires made more frequent by alien grass

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For much of the United States, invasive grass species are making wildfires more frequent, especially in fire-prone California, a new study finds.

Twelve non-native species act as "little arsonist grasses," said study co-author Bethany Bradley, a University of Massachusetts professor of environmental conservation.

Wherever the common Mediterranean grass invades, including California's southern desert, fires flare up three times more often. And cheatgrass, which covers about one-third of the Intermountain West, is a big-time fire promoter, Bradley said.

"I would not be surprised at all if invasive grasses are playing a role in the current fires, but I don't think we can attribute to them directly," Bradley said. University of Utah fire expert Phil Dennison, who wasn't part of the study, said it makes sense.

"In a lot of ways, California was ground zero for invasive grasses," he said. "Much of California's native perennial grassland was replaced by Mediterranean annual grasses over a century ago.

"This study doesn't look at invasive grasses in the areas that are burning in California, but in-



BETHANY BRADLEY, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS/AP

Cheatgrass, at right, invades shrubs near Lovelock, Nev. A new study finds invasive grass species like cheatgrass are making wildfires more frequent.

vasive grasses are contributing to the fires there."

Experts say the areas burning now in California are more shrubs and grasses than forests, despite what President Donald Trump tweeted over the weekend.

"This is a global problem," said University of Alberta fire expert Mike Flannigan, who wasn't part of the study but also said it makes sense. "I think with climate change and human assistance, we are moving to a grass world. One region they should have mentioned is Hawaii, where wildfires are increasing in large part due to invasive grasses."

Invasive species are spreading more because of climate change as warmer weather moves into new areas, said study lead author Emily Fusco, also of the University of Massachusetts.

New England and the mid-Atlantic are seeing new invasive and more flammable grasses, Bradley said.

The study in Monday's journal Proceedings of the National

Academy of Sciences looks at the connections between a dozen species of invasive grasses and fires nationwide, finding fires occur more often in places with the non-native grasses. The study did not find a link between invasive grasses and the size of the fires.

Four of the species, including cheatgrass and common Mediterranean grass, are in California. Those grasses get dry and then, watch out, Fusco said.

"When you start a fire, normally you want kindling," Fusco said. "The grasses are, more or less, like kindling."

If someone lights a match and throws it in the middle of a forest, it is unlikely a fire will start, but throw it in a field of cheatgrass, "and odds are that it's going to catch," Bradley said.

"We are the reason that invasive species are here. We are the reason that they get spread around," Bradley said.

Flannigan noted that invasive plants that are not grasses also feed the wildfire problem.

Ohio woman is mauled to death by her dogs at home

By LAWRENCE BUDD
Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

An Ohio man said he knew the two Great Dane dogs police suspect killed his wife were aggressive and had urged his wife to get rid of them.

Mary Matthews, 49, of Warren County, died after being mauled by her dogs in her home Friday, said Doyle Burke, chief investigator for the Warren County Coroner's Office.

She was found by her husband, Dale, in the home where they lived with two Great Danes, according to police and jail records.

"They are both very aggressive," Burke said, citing information from the husband and local authorities.

Evidence in the house indicated Mary Matthews was attacked on the first floor and was able to force the dogs outside, "then basically led to death," Burke said.

Clearecreek Township police were called to the home by her husband about 2:24 p.m. for a possible drug overdose, according to jail and police records. He had been in jail for two days for failure to pay child support.

Mary Matthews was found in the bathroom near the front door. Blood was found in the garage, the entryway into the house and the laundry room, as well as in the bathroom and other parts of the house, according to an incident report.

The husband confirmed the black dog was "vicious" and in-

dicated "if his wife was alone and they attacked, she would not have been able to defend herself because of her small stature," Clearecreek Township Officer Wendy Blaha said in the report.

Matthews' body was marked by numerous cuts and punctures, as well as a gouged left ankle. She was pronounced dead at 4:34 p.m., according to the police report.

Neighbors reported being awoken at 3 a.m. by the "dogs barking and whining outside."

"It appears that she was able to get them outside but perhaps didn't recognize the extent of her injuries and felt she could handle things on her own," Blaha said.

The dogs were found on an enclosed porch, according to Warren County Animal Warden Nathan Harper.

The dogs were turned over to the Warren County dog warden and were euthanized Saturday after the victim's husband released them to the county.

The dogs are to be tested by the health department for rabies, Harper said.

Harper said his office had been called to the same home in 2018 for bites involving a different Great Dane, but not for incidents with the dogs involved in Friday's fatal incident.

"These dogs had bitten them in the past, had bitten other people in the past," Burke said.

Matthews' cause of death was pending toxicology screening but was apparently due to multiple dog bites, Burke said.

NATION

462 inmates set free in Oklahoma

BY SEAN MURPHY
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — More than 450 inmates walked out the doors of prisons across Oklahoma on Monday as part of what state officials say is the largest single-day mass commutation in U.S. history.

The release of inmates, all with convictions for low-level drug and property crimes, resulted from a bill signed by new Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt. The bill retroactively applied misdemeanor sentences for simple drug possession and low-level property crimes that state voters approved in 2016.

Stitt has made reducing Oklahoma's highest-in-the-nation incarceration rate one of his top priorities and has appointed reform-minded members to the state's Pardon and Parole Board.

Releasing the inmates will save Oklahoma an estimated \$11.9 million from the cost of continuing to keep them behind bars, according to the governor's office.

The board last week considered 814 cases and recommended 527 inmates for commutation. However, 65 are being held on detainers, leaving about 462 inmates to be released on Monday.

"It feels amazing to be on the



SUE OGROCK/AP

Inmates being released from the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center walk through a line of inmates that are a part of the Regimented Treatment Program at the prison on Monday in Taft, Okla. They were among about 462 inmates freed across Oklahoma on Monday.

other side of the fence," said Tess Harjo, 28, who was released Monday from the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center in Taft, Okla.

Harjo was sentenced to 15 years in prison after her Okmul-

gee County conviction last year for possession of methamphetamine. She said she was surprised at the number of women she met in prison serving long sentences for drug crimes.

"I have met many women in here who came from a medium- or maximum-security prison who have already served 18 or more years," Harjo said. "It's ridiculous."

Ga. testing new voting machines

Associated Press

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. — A handful of local elections in Georgia are being used to test new voting machines that combine touchscreens with a printed ballot, part of the state's rush to meet a court-ordered deadline to retire its outdated, paperless system before any votes are cast in 2020.

State election officials are piloting the \$106 million system in six mostly rural counties holding elections Tuesday for mayors, city councils and school boards. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger plans to use the new machines in all 159 counties for Georgia's presidential primaries in March.

The way Georgia conducts elections next year will be closely watched nationally after the officials faced a torrent of criticism in 2018. Problems included hours-long waits at some polling sites, security breaches that left voters' registration information exposed and accusations that strict ID matching requirements and registration errors suppressed turnout. That led to lawsuits and changes in state law that included switching election systems.

Authorities give details on California jailbreak

Associated Press

MONTEREY, Calif. — Two inmates charged with murder broke out of a California jail over the weekend after climbing through a hole they made in a bathroom ceiling of their housing unit and then squeezing through a wall before finding an escape hatch, authorities said Monday.

Santos Fonseca, 21, and Jonathan Salazar, 20, made the hole measuring about 8 inches tall and 22 inches wide in the guards' blind spot and then slipped into the walls of the jail Sunday in the city of Salinas, Monterey County sheriff's Capt. John Thornburg said.

Inside the wall, the two inmates maneuvered past ducts and pipes in a maintenance access area until they reached a hatch. They kicked it open and made it to an outdoor area that was covered in construction fencing rather than security fencing with barbed wire, Thornburg said.

"We consider them dangerous," he said. "Please dial 911 if anybody does see them or knows where they are."

Investigators have not determined how long they worked on making the hole or if anyone else helped them escape the jail in the farming city of about 160,000 people roughly 100 miles south of San Francisco. They were reported missing at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, Thornburg said.

There was another escape

about five years ago, when an inmate climbed through a ventilation duct in a different housing unit, he said.

Fonseca and Salazar had been behind bars since last year and were awaiting trial on murder counts and "numerous other felony charges" in separate cases, authorities said.

Fonseca is accused of shooting Lorenzo Gomez Acosta, 37, to death on June 2, 2018, while the victim sat in his car on a video call with his wife in Mexico, the Californian newspaper in Salinas reported.

Fonseca told police that his gang leader told him to kill someone to prove he was still loyal to the "Boronda gang." Detective Gabriela Contreras testified. Acosta was reportedly chosen at random.

Three days later, Fonseca shot and killed Ernesto Garcia Cruz, 27, in a Salinas park, authorities allege. He told police that the gang leader also ordered the slaying and that he picked his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend "to send him a message," Contreras said, according to the newspaper.

Salazar was arrested in the shooting death of Jaime Martinez, 20, as the victim drove in Salinas with his girlfriend and 18-month-old son, the newspaper reported. The woman was shot and treated at a hospital, while the child wasn't hurt.



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NATION

Inspiring
'Chalkbus'

VW bus painted like a chalkboard draws folks together in Utah city

Associated Press

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — No matter where he parks his Volkswagen bus coated in chalkboard paint, Jonathan Sherman comes back to find great new art adorning the sides.

Once a week, he washes it and creates a new canvass for the amateur artists of American Fork, Utah, who are inspired to fill its sides.

The story behind what has become known as the "Chalkbus" even inspired a minidocumentary by college students, the (Utah County) Daily Herald reported.

The idea to make it a rolling chalkboard came to Sherman when the bus was due for a new paint job and he painted it black matte primer and then gazed over at his daughter drawing chalk on the sidewalk. He invited her to try, and the van and the plan were formed.

"People were like, 'Oh, you shouldn't do that. People are going to draw all kinds of horrible things on there,' you know. 'You're asking for trouble,'" Sherman said. "People really haven't drawn anything bad on there. They always draw cool things."

He started driving the bus several years ago and frequently finds drawings when he parks it at the movie theater or grocery store. When he finds someone drawing on the bus, he leaves them alone to finish before talking with them.

"It's always a positive conversation," he said.

Sherman, a licensed marriage and family therapist, said the bus seems to provide something people are missing. He takes it each year to the Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk in Salt Lake City and lets people draw on it there.

"A lot of people are really disconnected in society. And a lot of people suffer in silence," he said. "Anywhere I can find a little social connection, I think it just alleviates a little bit of a burden somewhere for somebody to know that, you're seen and you matter."

A group of Utah Valley University students were inspired by the bus and made a documentary about it. One of the students, Tyler McKinnon, called it a life-changing experience to work on the film.

"I've just noticed how many meaningful connections have come as a result of or have come because of the existence of the Chalkbus," McKinnon said. "Because the Chalkbus exists, I've made friends that I wouldn't have made. I've had opportunities that I wouldn't have had."

Sherman also uses the bus to let local bands play inside as he drives around. The recent third edition of the "Chalkbus Sessions" featured a band of local middle school teachers called Mid-Life Crisis.

Sherman said the bus gives him a chance to embrace his inner hippie.

"I want people to have peace, love and happiness."



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SCHNELL, THE (UTAH COUNTY, UTAH) DAILY HERALD/AP

The "Chalkbus," carrying Mid-Life Crisis, stops in front of American Fork Junior High, where the members of the band are all employed, on Oct. 26 in American Fork, Utah.



A beaded necklace hangs on the rearview mirror of the Chalkbus.



From left, Corey Clayton, Griffin Dean and Rick Sammar play in the van in the Hee Haw Farms parking lot.

Survey says kids
watching online
videos more than
doubled in 4 years

By MARTHA IRVINE
Associated Press

The number of young Americans watching online videos every day has more than doubled, according to survey findings. They're glued to them for nearly an hour a day, twice as long as they were four years ago.

And often, the survey found, they're seeing the videos on services such as YouTube that are supposedly off-limits to children younger than age 13.

"It really is the air they breathe," said Michael Robb, senior director of research for Common Sense Media, the nonprofit organization that issued the report last week. The group tracks young people's tech habits and offers guidance for parents.

The survey of American youth included the responses of 1,677 young people ages 8 to 18. Among other things, it found that 56% of 8- to 12-year-olds and 69% of 13- to 18-year-olds watch online videos every day. In 2015, the last time the survey was conducted, those figures were 24% and 34%, respectively. The margin of error was plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.

Overall screen time hasn't changed much in those four years, the survey found. The average tween, ages 8 to 12 for the purposes of this survey, spent four hours and 44 minutes with entertainment media on digital devices each day. For teens, it was seven hours and 22 minutes. That did not include the time using devices for homework, reading books or listening to music.

But the findings on video-watching indicate just how quickly the generation is shifting from traditional television to streaming services, often viewed on smartphones, tablets and laptops. Among the teens surveyed, only a third said they enjoyed watching traditional television programming "a lot," compared with 45% four years ago. Half of tweens said the same, compared with 61% in the last survey.

YouTube was their overwhelming first choice for online videos, even among the tweens who were surveyed — three-quarters of whom say they use the site despite age restrictions. Only 23% in that age group said they watch YouTube Kids, a separate service aimed at them and even younger children. Of those, most still said they preferred regular YouTube.

"It puts a lot of pressure on a parent to figure out what they can reasonably filter," Robb said.

When presented with the findings, YouTube said that in the coming months it will share details on ways the company is rethinking its approach to kids and families.

For now, Farshad Shadloo, a spokesperson for YouTube, a subsidiary of Google, reiterated the company's terms of use on age: "YouTube is not a site for people under 13." Among other things, the company also cited its restriction filters and YouTube Kids.

Even so, many children with online access are adept at getting access to regular YouTube or other streaming content — partly because their parents are overwhelmed, said Sarah Domoff, an assistant professor of clinical psychology at Central Michigan University who studies tech's impact on youth and families.

Those parents could certainly be doing more to track screen time, she said. But as she sees it, filters on services such as YouTube also aren't adequate.

"It's really hard to block out certain things unless you're really standing over your child," Domoff said. That's especially hard to do when devices are portable.

NATION

Investigator finds Arpaio aids ignored order to halt immigration sweeps

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press

PHOENIX—A court-appointed investigator concluded that high-ranking managers for former metro Phoenix Sheriff Joe Arpaio disregarded a federal judge's order for Arpaio to halt immigration sweeps targeting Latinos, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The investigator also found an internal probe was whitewashed to shield the managers from accountability.

The findings come as both Arpaio and a former top manager identified in the investigation are running in the 2020 Republican primary for the job of sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona's most populous.

The investigator's findings cover alleged misconduct in Arpaio's office from 2011 through 2016. Arpaio, who has become nationally known for his hard line on immigrants in the county illegally, lost his post in 2016.

Arpaio, who has called himself the toughest U.S. lawman, was convicted of misdemeanor criminal contempt of court for refusing to stop his traffic patrols that targeted immigrants but was pardoned by President Donald Trump, who has praised Arpaio's 24-year tenure as sheriff and "his life's work of protecting the public from the scourges of crime and illegal immigration."

Among sheriff's officials criticized by the investigator was Jerry Sheridan, who was Arpaio's second-in-command and is running against his old boss in the primary. Sheridan has long contended that he was unaware of the judge's highly publicized 2011 immigration sweep order while serving as Arpaio's chief deputy, but the investigator's report

said he was present at a meeting with Arpaio when the order was discussed.

The investigator, Daniel Giaquinto, is a former prosecutor and judge. He was hired by U.S. District Judge Murray Snow to reexamine misconduct investigations by Arpaio's office after the judge criticized some of the investigations as tainted by biased decision-making that protected some officials.

Arpaio and Sheridan questioned whether the release of the investigator's reports was politically motivated, though some were requested by the AP more than two years ago.

In another case that Giaquinto examined, he reversed the results of a sheriff's office internal investigation into why managers did not properly supervise a deputy sheriff whose arrest revealed that deputies were pocketing items from people during traffic stops without documenting the seizures and putting those items in storage as evidence.

The deputy sheriff, Ramon Armendariz, in 2014 reported his home had been burglarized and police found him firing a pepper ball gun at an imaginary burglar in his garage. They believed he was either high on drugs or having a manic episode.

Investigators at his house found illegal drugs, hundreds of IDs and license plates, bags of sheriff's office evidence that had been opened and 4,300 traffic-stop video clips that had been withheld from the racial profiling case that led the judge to halt Arpaio's immigration patrols.

Armendariz, who was assigned to conducting immigrant patrols, then accused officers on the immigration squad of wrongdoing. Days later, he died in what was ruled a suicide.

Giaquinto found that six supervisors should have held Armendariz accountable, including Brian Sands, the sheriff's office executive with oversight over the immigration unit, and the manager who got the raise.

Police: Man fatally stabbed over new Popeyes sandwich

Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Police are calling on a suspect to surrender in a fatal stabbing over a chicken sandwich at a Popeyes restaurant in Maryland.

One man accused the other of cutting in front of him in the chicken sandwich line at an Oxon Hill Popeyes on Monday night, Prince George's County police spokeswoman Jennifer Donelan told news outlets.

The fight then spilled outside where one of the men stabbed the other.

Police said the 28-year-old victim was from the Washington area. He died less than an hour later at a hospital.

The suspect remains at large. Neither man has been publicly identified.

Popeyes resumed selling its chicken sandwich on Sunday. It was first released in August, and the chain credited popular demand to its supply selling out that month.

Marketing around the sandwich has built a frenzy that's causing long lines and waits at the chain's restaurants.

Feds, cops war-game ways an election can be hacked

BY JOSEPH MARKS
The Washington Post

As voters headed to the polls Tuesday in Virginia's odd-year contest, federal officials and local police were war-gaming how adversaries could disrupt next year's contest without hacking any election systems at all.

Officials from the FBI, Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Secret Service worked with police in Arlington, Va., to game out how to respond if hackers from Russia or elsewhere in 2020 disrupt electricity at polling places, shut down streetlights or hijack radio and TV stations to suppress voter turnout and raise doubts about election results.

They also tested how to respond if adversaries launch social media campaigns to incite fights at polling places — or to spread rumors about riots or violence that deter people from going out to vote. Cybersecurity experts and academics played the mock hackers, lobbing new challenges at officials throughout the day.

The exercise underscores how hackers could destroy public faith in an election's outcome without changing any votes. That's particularly concerning because many of these potential targets are far more vulnerable than voting machines.

"If you can prevent people from getting to the polls ... if you can effectively disenfranchise certain segments of the population, that's far more disruptive to the republic than taking out a few voting machines," said Sam Curry, chief security officer at Cyberason, the company that organized the war game.

These sorts of role-playing games have become a common method for federal, state and local officials to hone their election defense but the scope is rarely so broad. The event is a prime example of how officials are trying to get ahead of adversaries on election disruption rather than just defend against the sort of election systems probing and social media misinformation the Kremlin launched in 2016.

Participants are keenly aware they only have a year left to plan.

Black activist who led neo-Nazi group dies amid bid to destroy it

Associated Press

A black activist who took control of one of the nation's largest neo-Nazi groups — and vowed to dismantle it — has died amid a legal fight over who would lead the group.

James Stern died Oct. 11 after getting hospice care for cancer, according to one of his attorneys, Bob Ross, and a friend, Arne Edward List. Stern, 55, died at home in Moreno Valley, Calif., List said. "James was a very unconventional crusader," Ross said Monday, praising his client's "quiet confidence."

Earlier this year, Stern told The Associated Press and other news outlets that he persuaded the National Socialist Movement's former leader, Jeff Schoep, to give him control of the group. Schoep says Stern essentially tricked him into the transfer.

Michigan corporate records show Stern replaced Schoep in January. However, Stern sued several group members in March after Schoep signed corporate



Stern

records naming a different president.

Stern's lawsuit is pending in California court. William Daniels, another of Stern's lawyers, said the activist's death doesn't necessarily end the "full-blown dispute" over the group's leadership.

"But it's just not clear to me now how it's going to unfold," he said. Group members used to attend rallies and protests in full Nazi uniforms, including at a march in Toledo, Ohio, that sparked a riot in 2005. More recently, members attended the white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., that erupted in violence in August 2017.

Stern met Schoep several years ago after Stern invited him to attend a summit on race in California. The Washington Post reported.

"We actually chose this day because in a year we'll be going to the polls for a massive election and one that is pregnant with opportunity for people to disrupt, run misinformation and disinformation campaigns and for people to take advantage of," Curry said. "It's our sincere hope that law enforcement will use the year between now and then to get ready and to make sure that things do go off well."

Curry's direction to the people playing adversary hackers was to try to raise as many doubts about the legitimacy of the election as possible without prompting officials to invalidate the results and start over.

"If [an election] is messy and you think that the system has been broken and your franchise has been lost, then that becomes a reality whether or not voter rolls are hacked," he said.

Cyberason ran two similar war games during the past year in Boston with federal officials, Boston police and Massachusetts State Police. Both times, a neutral team of cybersecurity experts and former government officials rated the hacker and defender teams and declared a winner at the end.

In the first event, the hackers clearly came out ahead, "creating a lot of havoc and panic," Curry said. By the second one, however, the defenders had sharpened their responses and were able to blunt some of the most damaging attacks.

As one big example, they were able to push back on misinformation by maintaining a constant presence on local TV stations, he said. The local police also got a lot of savvy about who they could contact for help in the state and federal government, he said.

Those improvements are important because local police, who aren't always attuned to cybersecurity threats, will often be the first responders to an Election Day hack that hits outside polling places.

"The hope is that folks realize that there's a cyber dimension to everything," Curry said. "What I want is for them to go home and say, let's start doing the prep work in peacetime. Let's make sure we're ready when the crisis comes and we know exactly who to call."

Earlier this year, Schoep told the AP that Stern essentially tricked him into transferring leadership while the group faces a federal lawsuit over the Charlottesville violence.

Schoep said Stern suggested that the lawsuit's plaintiffs could drop their claims against Schoep and the group if Schoep handed over the reins. Schoep said he already was preparing to walk away from the group and agreed to Stern's proposal in hopes of reducing its legal liability.

"He has that piece of paper, but he is absolutely not recognized as the leader of the National Socialist Movement," Schoep said of Stern in February.

During an interview in March, Stern said he wanted to disband the group rather than see another member re-form it.

Schoep recently told reporters that he renounced white supremacy and will speak out against the hate-fueled beliefs that he spread for years. Schoep left the group in March, his lawyer said in a court filing last month.

NATION

Rattlesnake wranglers have busy year

Bumper crop of reptiles means more calls

By SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Bo Slyapich seeks what no one else wants to find.

On a recent morning, he waded into grass so high and so dense his legs disappeared from sight. He crouched low and then lay on his stomach as he scoured the backyard of a house above Pacific Coast Highway.

The homeowner looked on from a safe distance. Luna, the family dog, barked as Slyapich invaded her territory, but kept back as well.

Slyapich was trying to flush out rattlesnakes from under a rock, inside a dirt hole or behind a leafy plant. For 30 minutes he hunted his prey — climbing and crawling, prodding and poking with sticks and tongues — plotting a course with the confidence and caution that come from decades of experience.

Southern California is home to at least half a dozen snake removal services that extricate the animals from their hideouts and take them away, allowing families to safely spend time in their yards. When Slyapich and other experts complete their mission, they often leave awe in their wake.

Rattlesnakes can be found up and down the state, which means, in theory, calls for assistance can come from a variety of locations. But rattlers are frequently associated with hills and mountains, and the multimillion-dollar mansions nestled among them. Slyapich's clients have included Jamie Foxx, Dwayne Johnson, Howie Mandel, Ellen DeGeneres and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

You might think that the continuing development of what was once wilderness would reduce the rattlesnake population near homes, but our desire to tame nature will, ultimately, drive them away from where humans settle. But it often seems the opposite is true: The encroachment that upends snake habitats may make backyard encounters even more likely.

Slyapich can attest to that; he is called back to the same homes year after year. He visits some properties monthly. One client has spotted more than 100 rattlesnakes on her land.

Slyapich is well aware of the ironies of his job. As he often says to customers, “We build our homes on their homes; we just build nicer ones.”

Bumper-crop year

On this morning, Slyapich, 61, wielded tongs to pick through brush in the backyard of the home above PCH. The home's owner, Jonathan Marklies, said that two days earlier his landscaper spotted a rattler in the garden.

It's been a busy year for rattlesnakes and the people who stalk them, Slyapich said. Heavy rains allowed for more vegetation, which created more food for rodents. Fat rodents meant healthier snakes and, then, more baby rattlesnakes, sometimes as many as 20 in a single litter, he said.

“It's just one of those bumper-crop years,” Slyapich said in a voice that is somewhere both growly and singsong — part-surfer, part-cowboy, fitting for an explorer of the California coast.

But a drought year can mean more business for Slyapich as well. During dry years, snakes leave their homes to search for water from sprinklers and other manufactured sources. And more rattlers emerge after a fire, slithering through their charred habitats to find sustenance.

Coming up empty

Stomping through grass with his knee-high camo boots, Slyapich pointed his thermal gun at the ground to take temperature readings. Because snakes cannot generate their own body heat, they gravitate toward land that is 75 to 85 degrees, he said. Locating those spots can help Slyapich locate the snakes.

In the morning chill, Slyapich didn't find anything in Marklies' yard. But when he walked into the neighbor's backyard, he spotted mouse droppings, which suggested that snakes may have something to eat just a few steps away.

If the snake were to return, killing it would be considered self-defense, Slyapich said. The wrangler's preference is to catch and release the rattlers in the wilderness, but he would rather his clients kill them than be bitten, he said.

“Shovel, shotgun and two-by-four all work,” he said.

Snake wrangler

Slyapich's family moved to Calabasas from North Hollywood in 1964 when he was 6. The boys in the neighborhood treated the nearby mountains as their playground, and the older kids taught him how to catch animals.

His mother, a science teacher, encouraged his curiosity. He handled lizards and snakes, sometimes putting them down his shirt.

“It was the Wild West, so they were basically our play toys,” he said.

A self-described adrenaline junkie, Slyapich spent a decade after college catching sharks as a commercial diver.

He then worked as a movie stuntman, but eventually his snake wrangling skills became known among the crew. Production companies began hiring him to clear sets of snakes before shooting movies and TV shows.

About 15 years ago, Slyapich started to offer his services to families and local businesses. For nine months of the year, he is reachable 24/7, answering calls from frightened homeowners who have spotted snakes not just in their yards, but in their car engines, pools, garages, bedroom closets, toilets, stoves, cabinets and refrigerators.

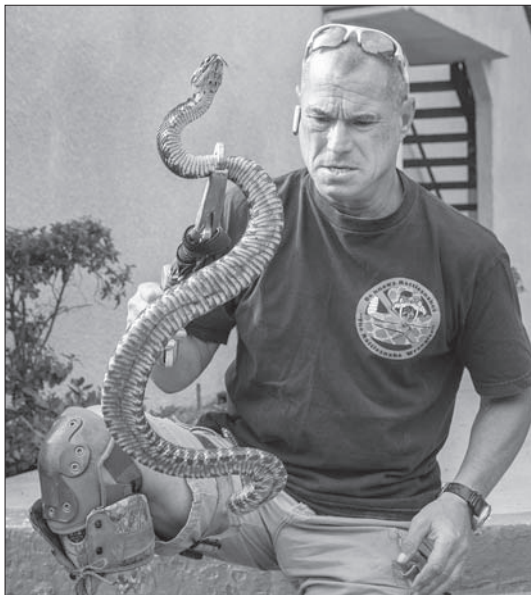
In Southern California, “fires, floods and rattlesnakes” are part of the deal, Slyapich said. “The real estate agents just don't disclose the rattlesnake part.”

Maria Nelson, one of his longtime clients, lives on 25 acres in the hills just north of Thousand Oaks. Two rattlers have made it inside her house over the past 15 years, but she has spotted even more in the yard.

“I stopped counting at 100 last year,” said Nelson, 73.

A 911 call for a rattlesnake will summon firefighters who will most probably kill the creature on sight with a shovel. If it slithers off, the first responders leave.

A call to Slyapich, which can cost several hundred dollars, triggers a differ-



MEL MELCON, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Rattlesnake wrangler Bo Slyapich transfers a rattlesnake into a plastic container on July 3 after catching it when he responded to an emergency call from a homeowner in Hidden Hills, Calif. It's been a busy year for rattlesnakes and those who capture them.

ent kind of experience. If the snake has slipped away, he will hunt for it. When he captures a snake, he donates it to programs for rattlesnake avoidance training for dogs or moves it to undeveloped land (though he likes to joke that he keeps it “till the check clears”).

More calls

In more than 50 years of handling serpents, Slyapich said he has never been bitten. Rattlers, whose bites can be fatal, don't strike unless antagonized or taken by surprise.

“People think snakes are going to come after them, follow them, chase them down,” he said. “Snakes don't do that — especially our snakes.”

The volume of calls from people who say they have lived in a home for 35 years and had never seen a snake until now is increasing, and Slyapich believes that continued construction in once-remote areas is displacing the creatures.

“I'm going places I've never been before,” he said. “We've changed nature.”

When Slyapich arrived at his next destination, a home in Oak Park, owner Galit Naor showed him a cellphone video of her

sons hacking at a rattlesnake with shovels outside the front door.

It was one of three snakes Naor's family had found in the front yard in the past two weeks, she told Slyapich. When she works in her makeshift office in the garage, she props her feet up on the desk, afraid of what might slide over them down below, she said, adding, “One more snake and I'll sell the house.”

Common phobia

Fear of snakes is one of our most common phobias, experts say. One snake catcher said some of his customers are so scared of the reptiles they can't look at his business card because it has a drawing of a snake.

Studies have found that babies' eyes become unusually wide when they see snakes, suggesting people innately distrust them. Scientists say humans probably evolved to fear snakes because of the threat they posed to our ancestors, but that nervousness is reinforced by their place in the cultural imagination.

In the Harry Potter books, villain Voldemort's trusted pet, Nagini, is a snake. Adam and Eve were famously derailed by a snake. The fearless Indiana Jones hates one thing: snakes. Calling someone “a snake” isn't a compliment.

“It's not really fair — snakes are given an unjust reputation,” said Rutgers University psychology professor Vanessa LoBue. “What else are 40 percent of adults professing to be afraid of? Other than death?”

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Bo Slyapich
rattlesnake wrangler

NATION

Reenactment set to honor slave rebellion

By REBECCA SANTANA
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Against the modern backdrop of oil refineries, strip malls and gated communities, hundreds of reenactors will gather Friday in southeastern Louisiana to remember a time when slavery flourished as a blight on America and some enslaved people fought back.

They plan to reenact the largest slave rebellion in American history. Dressed in period costumes and holding machetes or rifles, they will march 26 miles over two days from the sugar plantation country along the Mississippi River to the New Orleans suburbs.

"I think it will be an amazing experience," said artist Derek Scott, who conceived of the project and whose works address racial injustice and oppression.

"Seeing hundreds of black folk with machetes and muskets and sickles and sabers, flags flying, chanting to traditional African drumming, is going to be an amazing moment," he said. "And people would be like, 'What am I looking at? This doesn't make sense.' It will be an area where people can learn a lot and think a lot."

Reenactors have long been a staple of Civil War heritage in the South, where people don Confederate and Union uniforms and stage mock battles. But this effort seeks to illustrate the struggle over slavery that came to be the heart of that war.

Scott first envisioned it about eight years ago. He'd wanted to stage a slave rebellion reenactment — maybe Nat Turner's 1831



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Reenactor Jillian Jones is fitted for her period costumes by Patricia Gorman last month for the upcoming reenactment of a slave rebellion in New Orleans.

uprising in Virginia — but then a colleague told him about the uprising in Louisiana.

Slaves across a stretch of plantations organized for months before launching their rebellion on Jan. 8, 1811. Over two days the group grew to an estimated 200 to 500 people, according to Daniel Rasmussen's book "American Uprising: The Untold Story of America's Largest Slave Revolt."

Their goal was to march on New Orleans and establish a free republic. The rebellion was inspired in part by the Haitian revolution but conceived by people born in Louisiana and Africa, said Ibrahim Seck, the director of research at the Whitney Plantation and a historical adviser to the reenactment.

Most were field hands who

toiled in hot, wet and humid conditions that contributed to their 13% yearly death rate, he said. Rasmussen writes that slaves in Louisiana's sugar plantations faced "more brutal punishments and lives shorter lives" than elsewhere in North America.

Scott said the project sprung from his interest in how people liberate themselves and in slavery's continuing effects on America today. He was also intrigued to learn about the little-known rebellion's goals and how close it came to success.

"You can't actually understand American society if you don't understand slavery, and you can't understand slavery if you don't understand slave revolts," he said.

The reenactment comes at a

time of heightened racial tension in the United States following the election of President Donald Trump in 2016. One of the most contentious episodes came in August 2017 when hundreds of white nationalists descended on Charlottesville, Va., to protest the planned removal of a Confederate statue. One person was killed when a white nationalist plowed his car into a crowd of counterprotesters.

Bob Snead, who heads the arts group Antenna that's producing the rebellion reenactment with Scott, said that was a key turning point. Some questioned whether the reenactment should even go on, but Snead said there was also a strong feeling that the project was more important than ever.

Organizers have taken precautions. They'll have law enforcement and private security, and reenactors are advised not to engage with anyone along the route who might harass them.

The very public nature of the project should help, Scott said. They've reached out to area residents and will have lots of community involvement.

Scott emphasizes that the reenactment is a community effort in which months and years of preparation that brought people together are as much a part of the art as the event itself. They've held outreach events in the parishes the marchers will traverse. They've filed for permits, staged rehearsals and held sewing circles where people have come together to create costumes.

Part of the challenge was that there were few paintings of slaves to refer to, said Allison L.

Parker who's responsible for the costumes. She combed through pictures of runaway slaves and paintings and images of enslaved people in South America and the Caribbean for research.

For many of the black participants, it's important to highlight the fact that enslaved people did not accept their fate. They fought back.

Julie Joseph has been coming to the sewing circles and will take part in the reenactment. She said black history in America is often overlooked or ignored.

"With this project, it's highlighting the tenacity and the resilience that the people who were enslaved had to want to break free, to want to create their own republic," she said. "I think that's something that's been really encouraging to me and something that'll be really encouraging to a lot of other black people to know that I come from fighters."

After a climactic battle between the slaves and planters, the rebellion was crushed. Rasmussen describes how the planters chopped the heads off the slaves' corpses — about 100 altogether — and displayed them along the road going from New Orleans into the plantation country.

The reenactment will end with the reenactors gathering in New Orleans' Congo Square where slaves used to gather on Sundays. Scott said he did not want to end by focusing on the brutality of white people but on the concept of black people trying to create their own republic.

"I'm choosing to focus on a vision of freedom and emancipation," he said.

Suit over images of Blackbeard's ship returns to trial court

By MARTHA WAGGONER
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A treasure hunter who accuses the state of North Carolina of misusing his images from Blackbeard's flagship says he'll ask for 10 times the damages he originally sought now that a court ruling has come down in his favor.

John Masters, of Florida-based Intersal Inc., said he plans to seek \$140 million in damages from the state following the ruling Friday from the North Carolina Supreme Court that the case must return to Business Court.

He said an expert witness had put Intersal's losses from the state's use of more than 2,000 images and more than 200 minutes of film at \$129 million. He's seeking another \$11 million for losses over a permit that the state denied him which would have allowed Intersal to search for a Spanish ship.

"What's going to happen is — finally, finally, finally — we can get in front of a judge who can rule on the case on its merits," Masters said in a telephone interview. "That's all we ever wanted."

Almost a quarter-century ago, Masters' father, Philip, discovered the wreckage of the Queen Anne's Revenge, which ran aground in Beaufort, in what was then the colony of North Carolina, in June 1718. Volunteers with the Royal Navy killed Black-



ROBERT WILLEY, THE (RALEIGH, N.C.) NEWS & OBSERVER/AP

A 3,000-pound anchor from what is believed to be the wreck of Blackbeard's pirate flagship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, is recovered from Beaufort Inlet, Carteret County, N.C., in 2011.

beard in Ocracoke Inlet that same year. Intersal found little loot when it located the shipwreck in 1996, but tens of thousands of artifacts have been recovered

since then. Intersal and the state have reached two contracts, one in 1998 and another in 2013, that gave the company the rights to photos and videos of the wreck

and of the recovery, study and preservation of its historic artifacts.

The company says the state violated the contract by displaying media of artifacts from the ship on websites other than its own without a time code stamp or watermark.

The state, meanwhile, has created a tourist industry around Blackbeard and his ship since the vessel's discovery in 1996. That includes exhibits at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, which attracts about 300,000 visitors a year, according to the Queen Anne's Revenge website.

The artifacts, such as a 2,000-pound cannon, go on tour to other state museums. The state also posts photos and videos on websites and social media sites.

The Friday opinion written by Justice Robin Hudson notes that the state didn't argue to the Supreme Court that the 2013 agreement was invalid. And it refers to previous case law to note that the state can't claim sovereign immunity when it has entered into a valid contract.

The state argued that the plaintiffs had to exhaust administrative remedies before going to court, but the Supreme Court ruled that a specific administrative procedure isn't part of every contract between the state and a private citizen.

Masters, whose father died in 2007, said he sold his house to continue this court fight.

NATION

Teen vaping climbs, fueled by Juul's mint flavor

By LINDSEY TANNER

Associated Press

New research shows U.S. teens who use electronic cigarettes prefer those made by Juul Labs, and mint is the favorite flavor for many of them, suggesting a shift after the company stopped selling fruit and dessert flavors in stores.

The results are in a pair of studies published Tuesday, including one that details previously released figures indicating that the surge in underage use of e-cigarettes shows no signs of slowing down.

An estimated 28% of high school students and 11% of middle school students said they'd used e-cigarettes within the past month, according to the report, based on a national survey conducted earlier this year. That amounts to 5.3 million young users, compared with about 3.6 million last year, despite federal law that prohibits sales to those under 18.

‘Exemptions for mint and menthol are problematic if we’re really thinking about preventing kids from using these products.’

Jessica Barrington-Trimis

co-author of study led by University of Southern California researchers

The government report, surveying almost 20,000 young people, also found that Juul is the preferred brand for 60% of high school e-cigarette users. Most of them used flavored e-cigarettes, and among those who did, nearly 60% favored mint or menthol.

A separate study, led by University of Southern California researchers, suggests menthol doesn't have the same appeal as mint. The study found that mint was the most popular flavor among Juul users in 10th and 12th grades and the second-most popular among middle-schoolers.

In contrast, less than 6% of teenagers across all grades preferred

menthol. The study was based on a different national survey that included 1,800 Juul users.

The results are worrisome but not surprising, said Thomas Yli-oja, a smoking cessation expert at National Jewish Health hospital in Denver.

“We have a whole generation of young people who are addicted to these products,” said Yli-oja, who was not involved in the studies. “Rather than giving up when they can't get their particular flavor, they're switching to a flavor that is more available.”

E-cigarettes typically heat a solution that contains nicotine, which makes cigarettes and e-

cigarettes addictive. They have been sold in the U.S. for more than a decade and are often pitched as a lower-risk nicotine source for adult smokers.

Both studies were published online in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Erika Sward, spokeswoman for the American Lung Association, said the findings “call for drastic action to be taken. We are in the midst of an e-cigarette crisis, the aftermath of which we could be dealing with for decades.”

A few states have taken steps to prohibit flavored e-cigarettes, and in September, the Trump administration proposed a nationwide ban, including mint and menthol. An announcement is expected soon from the Food and Drug Administration.

But health groups and anti-vaping advocates worry that regulators may be backing away from their original proposal.

“Exemptions for mint and menthol are problematic if we're

really thinking about preventing kids from using these products,” said USC study co-author Jessica Barrington-Trimis.

Flavors are banned for traditional cigarettes in the U.S., except for menthol.

San Francisco-based Juul, the best-selling vaping brand in the country, stopped selling some flavors last year in stores and only sold them online. Last month, the company voluntarily halted all sales of its fruit- and dessert-flavored e-cigarette pods, leaving only mint, menthol and tobacco-flavored products on the market.

Facing multiple state and federal investigations, Juul has pledged to not lobby against the federal flavor ban. The Vapor Technology Association, which represents the industry, however, is pushing back against a ban with a marketing campaign.

Juul representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the new research.

Members of biker club deliver donated breast milk for babies in NYC

By CATHY FREE

Special To The Washington Post

Alyssa Marko, a member of New York City's Sirens Women's Motorcycle Club, got an emergency call in the summer of 2016 from someone in her Brooklyn synagogue.

A woman in the synagogue was adopting a premature baby and she wanted her tiny son to have breast milk. The caller asked: Could Marko jump on her bike and bring an order of donated breast milk to the hospital?

Marko grabbed her helmet and road jacket, slid onto her Triumph and headed straight to pick up 48 bottles of milk from the newly formed New York Milk Bank—a nonprofit group that distributes donated breast milk to new parents who are unable to produce their own or have an insufficient supply.

It was just days earlier that the Sirens had volunteered to help the milk bank with deliveries. And in a moment of her worlds colliding—biking and her synagogue—Marko got the call.

The two-hour drive to the hospital in Middleton, N.Y., was her first run for the “Milk Riders”—the club's new nickname.

“I packed the bottles in ice inside my saddlebags and away I went,” she said. “I felt like I was driving with a purpose, but I didn't understand the full magnitude of what I was doing until I got to the hospital and saw the baby. He was so small—I was clear that he really needed this milk.”

At the hospital that day, Marko,

55, a school psychologist who does not have children, said she was suddenly overwhelmed, realizing that the love of many women went into the milk she'd delivered.

“Their immune systems and all of their strength were getting poured into this child,” she said. “It felt wonderful that I was able to bring him this wonderful gift.”

The New York Milk Bank was started in 2016 by nurse practitioner Julie Bouchet-Horwitz, who for years wished she could make life easier for new mothers who wanted to breastfeed but were unable to.

Bouchet-Horwitz, who specializes in lactation issues, had personal experience in the difficulty of finding donor breast milk. In 1996, she and her husband adopted a baby girl from China who was failing to thrive, and she wanted to give her breast milk.

“It was really hard to find donor milk,” said Bouchet-Horwitz, now 69 and living in Ossining, N.Y. “So in the back of my mind, I always thought that I should start a milk bank.”

After Marko's first milk delivery that day in 2016, it quickly became apparent to Bouchet-Horwitz that her partnership with the motorcycle club was a huge benefit, she said.

“I'd been looking for a convenient way to get milk transported from our processing facility (then in Hastings, N.Y.) to Manhattan, when I saw motorcycles zipping in and out of New York traffic and decided, ‘That's it,’” she said.

When Bouchet-Horwitz contacted the Sirens—the oldest all-female motorcycle group in New



Courtesy of Carter McCall

Jen Baquial, left, of New York City's Sirens motorcycle club, delivers milk to Arriella, in 2017.

York City—they enthusiastically agreed to help.

“The world of breast milk donation is a foreign concept to me to begin with,” said Jen Baquial, 43, an electrical engineer from New Jersey who is the Sirens' vice president. “But once I learned more about it, I thought, ‘Yeah, this makes sense.’”

Because the motorcycle club often does community service projects related to the LGBTQ community and women's health, delivering breast milk to women and babies is a good fit, she said.

“It's precious cargo—I carried 45 pounds of milk on my motorcycle once,” said Baquial, who rides a 2008 Harley-Davidson Super Glide. “The best part, though, to be honest, is when we get to go personally to the homes and meet the moms and the babies.” she said. “That's really rewarding.”

A lot of work goes into each bottle of milk sent out by the New York Milk Bank, said Bouchet-Horwitz. Women who want to donate their breast milk go through

a rigorous screening process before they are allowed to drop off bagged milk at 26 volunteer “depots” in New York, Vermont, Maryland and New Jersey, she said.

“It's really taken off—we're now distributing more than 20,000 ounces of donated breast milk every month, and we've helped about 400 babies,” she said.

Donations are inspected, pasteurized, bottled and frozen at the nonprofit organization's new headquarters in Valhalla, N.Y., before they are shipped out to depots and hospitals with dry ice or delivered to private homes by the Sirens.

The group sells the milk for \$4.50 an ounce, which Bouchet-Horwitz says covers the organization's operating expenses. Health insurance providers often cover the cost with a doctor's prescription, she added.

“Moms of sick or premature infants make up the majority of deliveries, but we have also sent

donor milk to LGBTQ families and parents who are surrogates, people who have adopted or are fostering babies and moms who can't produce enough milk on their own,” she said.

Mothers who come in themselves to pick up milk orders are “more than anything, grateful to the women who have donated the milk,” she said.

For Elizabeth Shelley, a family nurse practitioner who lives in Manhattan with her husband and their son, Teddy, 17 months, there was no question that she would donate her excess breast milk to the New York Milk Bank as her son grew older and didn't need as much.

She said that she was inspired by the kindness of a friend who gave her more than two gallons of her own breast milk after Teddy was born and doctors determined that Shelley wasn't producing sufficient milk for him.

“This friend came over and gave me more milk than I needed,” said Shelley, 32.

WORLD



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Anti-government protesters scuffle with Lebanese army soldiers in the town of Zouk Mosbeh, north of Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday. Lebanese troops faced resistance as they reopened roads closed by the protesters.

Lebanese army reopens roads closed by protesters amid scuffles

By HASSAN AMMAR
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Lebanese troops deployed Tuesday in different parts of the country to reopen roads and main thoroughfares closed by anti-government protesters faced resistance in some areas, leading to scuffles.

In most places, protesters withdrew peacefully as the troops moved in. But in Beirut's northern suburb of Zouk Mosbeh, a scuffle erupted when some demonstrators refused to move away from the main highway linking Beirut with northern Lebanon.

Several protesters were detained by troops. One protester, an older man, fainted and was rushed away in an ambulance; the Lebanese Red Cross later said he was in stable condition.

Human rights activist Wadiah al-Asmar said dozens were detained during the scuffles north of Beirut.

Anti-government protesters have been holding

demonstrations since Oct. 17, demanding an end to widespread corruption and mismanagement by the political class that has ruled the country for three decades. The protesters have paralyzed Lebanon by closing roads inside cities as well as major highways.

"We are not defying the army but we want our demands to be met," said hairdresser Elie Abdu, 29, in Zouk Mosbeh. "We want a technocrat government; we want the poor to have food and medical care."

The protesters have been demanding the new Cabinet not include politicians but consist of experts who can work on getting Lebanon out of its economic crisis.

Also in Beirut, in the nearby area of Jal el-Deeb, troops chased after protesters who were closing a major road, running after them into streets until they hid inside a church.

Troops also opened the highway linking Beirut with southern Lebanon and several major avenues in the capital.

Protesters killed as Iraq tries to reopen main port

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — At least three anti-government protesters were killed in clashes with security forces in southern Iraq, officials said Tuesday as authorities tried to reopen the country's main port, which had been blocked by demonstrators for three days.

Security and medical officials said a protester was killed and eight more were wounded in Umm Qasr, a key oil terminal on the Persian Gulf. The Iraqi High Commission for Human Rights, a semi-official agency, said two people were killed and 23 wounded in clashes in the southern city of Nasiriyah.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters, said security forces in Umm Qasr were firing live ammunition and tear gas, and that protesters seized an armored vehicle.

Iraq has seen massive anti-government demonstrations in Baghdad and across the mostly Shiite south since Oct. 25. The protests are calling for an overhaul of the political system established after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, accusing the government and major political parties of corruption and incompetence.

Security forces have killed at least 267 protesters since early October during two major waves of protests. In southern Iraq, protesters have ransacked and torched the offices of political parties linked to Iran, and Sunday night they attacked the Iranian Consulate in the Shiite holy city of Karbala.

In Baghdad, protesters crossed a bridge over the Tigris River on Monday and clashed with secu-

rity forces near the headquarters of state-run TV and the prime minister's office. At least five protesters and a member of the security forces were killed and scores were wounded. The protesters set tires and dumpsters ablaze within 500 yards of the prime minister's office, sending huge clouds of black smoke into the sky.

Netblocks, a group that monitors worldwide internet access, reported a major shutdown by Iraqi authorities overnight, with usage in Baghdad and southern Iraq dropping to 19% of normal levels. It said the internet was partially restored early Tuesday, but that "some networks are still offline and social media and messaging apps remain blocked or degraded."

Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi has expressed support for the protesters' demands and condemned violence on all sides while resisting calls to step down. He has called on the protesters to reopen roads so that life can return to normal, saying the disruptions caused by the protests are costing the country billions of dollars.

He met with senior judicial and security officials at the Federal Police Headquarters late Monday to discuss ways to restore stability while preserving the right to protest and to protect private property, according to a government statement.

Iraq holds regular elections, but its politics are dominated by Shiite Islamist parties, many with close ties to Iran. The protesters, who mainly come from the Shiite majority, say their leaders have enriched themselves while letting the economy and infrastructure crumble.

Cartel attack kills at least 9 US citizens

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Drug cartel gunmen ambushed three SUVs along a dirt road, slaughtering at least six children and three women — all of them U.S. citizens living in northern Mexico — in a grisly attack that left one of their vehicles a burned-out, bullet-riddled hulk, authorities said Tuesday.

The dead included 8-month-old twins. At least five other youngsters were wounded by gunfire.

Mexican Security Secretary Alfonso Durazo said the attackers may have mistaken the group's large SUVs for those of rival gangs.

All of the victims were believed to be members of the extended LeBaron family, who live in a decades-old settlement founded by an offshoot of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

and have run afoul of the drug traffickers over the years. A LeBaron was killed a decade ago after denouncing the cartels.

In a tweet, President Donald Trump immediately offered to help Mexico "wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth."

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador rejected that approach, saying his predecessors waged war, "and it didn't work."

A relative said the victims lived in the hamlet of La Mora in Sonora state, about 70 miles south of Douglas, Ariz.

A number of extended Mormon families live in farming communities clustered around the Chihuahua-Sonora state border. Many members were born in Mexico and thus have dual citizenship. While some of the splinter groups

were once polygamous, many no longer are.

The group was attacked Monday while traveling in a convoy of three SUVs toward Pancho Villa in Chihuahua. The relative asked not to be named for fear of reprisals.

The relative said he had located the burned-out SUV containing the remains of his nephew's wife and her four children — the twin babies and two other children. Authorities said the Chevy Tahoe's gas tank had apparently been hit by gunfire and exploded.

"The mafia vehicles got her and four of her kids and ... burnt them to a crisp," said the relative.

Two women and two other children were later found dead.

The six children killed were 8 months old, 2, 10, 11 and 12, according to family members.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Anti-government protesters set fires while security forces fire live ammunition and tear gas in Baghdad on Monday. On Tuesday, officials said at least three protesters were killed in separate clashes.

WORLD

N. Korea: Terrorism blacklist hurts talks

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday the U.S. redesignation of Pyongyang as a sponsor of terrorism is dimming prospects for nuclear diplomacy between the countries.

The North's statement comes as the country is escalating its pressures on the United States over a stalemate in nuclear negotiations. Last week, North Korea test-fired projectiles from what it called a newly developed "super-large" multiple rocket launcher in the country's first weapons test in about a month.

The North's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday the State Department's terrorism

blacklist report released last week proves again the United States maintains a "hostile policy" and "inveterate repugnancy" toward North Korea.

"This is an insult to and perfidy against a dialogue partner," said the statement carried by state media. "The channel of the dialogue between (North Korea) and the U.S. is more and more narrowing" due to the U.S. stance.

North Korea had been on the terrorism blacklist for two decades after its agents were blamed for the bombing of a South Korean airliner that killed 115 people in 1987. It was delisted in 2008 as Washington tried to entice North Korea into a nuclear

deal. But the Trump administration relisted it in 2017, saying the North repeatedly supported acts of international terrorism.

The most glaring recent case was the assassination of Kim Jong Nam, the estranged half brother of leader Kim Jong Un, using VX nerve agent at a Malaysian airport in 2017.

Last year, North Korea and the United States launched on-and-off diplomacy on under what terms North Korea would give up its advancing nuclear arsenal. But the talks largely have stalled since the second summit between Kim and President Donald Trump collapsed in February due to disputes over sanctions on North Korea.

Negotiators met in Stockholm last month but made no meaningful progress.

South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers in a closed-door meeting Monday it expects the U.S.-North Korea talks to resume by early December at the latest, according to Lee Eun-jae, one of the lawmakers who attended the meeting.

North Korea has demanded the United States work out mutually acceptable proposals to salvage the nuclear diplomacy by year's end.

Some experts say North Korea could perform more weapons tests in the coming weeks as it approaches the end-of-year deadline.



MANISH SHARMA/AP

Volunteers wear pollution masks as they stand at a busy crossing with the banner saying "obey odd and even, remove pollution" in New Delhi on Monday. Authorities in New Delhi are restricting the use of private vehicles under an "odd-even" scheme based on license plates to control vehicular pollution.

New Delhi struggles with foul air

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Sakshi Chauhan has not left her house in a quiet inner-city slum in the Indian capital for the past six days on her doctor's orders.

The 22-year-old call center operator is recovering from a severe throat infection, and the thick smog now blanketing New Delhi has made even breathing dangerous.

"The moment I step outside, I can't breathe properly," she said. "I have never seen this level of pollution in my entire life."

The 20 million residents of New Delhi, already one of the world's most polluted cities, have been suffering for weeks under a toxic haze that is up to 10 times worse than the upper limits of what is considered healthy. The pollution crisis is piling public pressure on the government to tackle the root causes of the persistent haze.

Air pollution in New Delhi and northern Indian states peaks in the winter as farmers in neighboring agricultural regions set fire to clear land after the harvest and prepare for the next crop season. The pollution in the Indian capital also peaks after Diwali celebrations, the Hindu festival of light, when people set off fireworks.

A declared public health emergency has remained in place in the city for the past five days. Schools have stayed closed and authorities have been handing out free anti-pollution masks to children.

New Delhi's government has introduced a system that restricts many private vehicles from taking to the roads for two weeks, with only vehicles

with even-numbered license plates allowed on even-numbered days. It has ordered firefighters to sprinkle water from high-rise buildings to settle the dust, tried to snuff out garbage fires and ordered builders to cover construction sites to stop dust from enveloping the area.

India's health minister earlier played down the health consequences of the dirty air, insisting it is mainly a concern for those who have pre-existing lung conditions. Doctors in the capital, however, say many of their patients these days are complaining of ailments that stem from the filthy air they breathe.

Dr. Salil Sharma, a throat specialist, said that 95% of the patients he has been treating over the last 10 days are sick because of the foul air.

"I have patients from all age groups and most of them are nonsmokers who complain of breathlessness, chest congestion, fatigue and weakness," Sharma said. "In some cases, I had to put some patients on a ventilator because they couldn't breathe."

"We are right in the middle of a health emergency," he said.

A study published in *The Lancet* estimated that in 2017, air pollution killed 1.24 million Indians — half of them younger than 70, lowering the country's average life expectancy by almost 1.7 years.

India's Supreme Court on Monday said the capital choking every year "could not be allowed in a civilized country."

In a ruling that followed petitions filed by activists, the top court's judges ordered an immediate halt to the practice of farmers burning their fields in the neighboring states surrounding the capital.

Hong Kong's Lam says she has Xi's backing to tackle recent unrest

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's embattled leader, Carrie Lam, said Tuesday that she has received the backing of Chinese President Xi Jinping in her handling of five months of anti-government protests that have rocked the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Xi and Lam held talks in a surprise meeting Monday night on the sidelines of a trade event in Shanghai amid signals from China's central government that it may tighten its grip on Hong Kong to quell the unrest that has at times challenged Chinese rule.

Lam told a news conference in Shanghai that Xi had expressed "care and concern" during their brief meeting, along with support for measures taken by her government to end the crisis. She vowed that the government will strive to stamp out violence with strict law enforcement.

Lam said she was disturbed by mounting injuries during the protests, including an incident early Monday that left a university student sprawled in a pool of blood at a carpark building after police fired tear gas. Hospital officials said the youth was in critical condition. Police couldn't immediately provide details.

Lam said investigations would be carried out to determine exactly what happened, and that the case drove home the government's message that violence must cease.

Television footage showed riot police firing tear gas at the building after objects were hurled down at the street at them when they chased off a mob. Minutes later, medical workers found the unconscious youth on the second floor of the building. He was believed to have plunged from the third floor, local media said.

Earlier Tuesday, Hong Kong Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung said Xi's meeting with Lam was a "vote of confidence" in the city's ability to tackle the unrest and underlined the importance that Beijing attaches to the Asian financial hub.



JU PENG, XINHUA/AP

Chinese President Xi Jinping shakes hands with Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam at a meeting in Shanghai, China, on Monday.

But pro-democracy lawmaker Claudia Mo warned of a tougher stance by Beijing.

"They realized things in Hong Kong have reached a point of no return and there is no choice except for keeping their approval for Carrie Lam with hopes that things will die down," Mo told *The Associated Press*. "The message to Hong Kong people is that we are with her, she has our backing and you better watch out."

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported that Xi expressed his government's "high degree of trust" in Lam but also "demanded unwavering efforts to stop and punish violent activities."

He also called for more dialogue and efforts to improve people's livelihoods in one of the world's most expensive cities.

China's Communist Party last week indicated it may try to find a way to enact anti-subversion laws in Hong Kong after such measures were shelved previously due to public opposition.

The protests began in early June against an extradition bill that would have allowed suspects to be sent for trials in mainland China, which many saw as infringing on Hong Kong's judicial freedoms and other rights that were guaranteed when the former British colony returned to China in 1997.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Couple arrested after son left home alone

RI NEWPORT — A Rhode Island man and his wife were arrested for locking their 2-year-old son in a bedroom and leaving him home alone.

The Newport Daily News reported Lazaro SHEMELEY, 37, and Leah SHEMELEY, 25, were charged with cruelty or neglect of a child Friday. A judge issued both a no-contact with the child order.

Lazaro SHEMELEY was initially arrested on a domestic disorderly conduct charge. Leah SHEMELEY reportedly left the couple's child at home to attend her husband's arraignment Friday morning.

She told police she left the child with a babysitter, but authorities received a call about a crying child apparently left at home.

Couple accused of breaking in, squatting

DE LEWES — A husband and wife accused of breaking into a Delaware home with the intention of staying there have been charged.

A Delaware State Police news release says Ray POLLARD, 46, and Michelle POLLARD, 42, of Dagsboro were arrested Saturday afternoon in Lewes.

Master Cpl. Melissa Jaffe said the couple parked their minivan in the garage and their 16-year-old child was inside the vehicle. The owners of the Lewes home weren't at home at the time.

The Pollards have been charged with burglary, resisting arrest, endangering the welfare of a child and other offenses.

Police say man slept in theater to rob it

TN NASHVILLE — Police in Nashville are searching for a man they say paid for a movie ticket and spent the night inside a theater waiting to rob the business once it opened.

Metro police identified Lloyd Eugene RHODES, 57, on Friday as the suspect who they allege robbed an AMC theater at gunpoint the day before.

News outlets reported that investigators think Rhodes bought a movie ticket and hid inside the theater during closing. When an employee opened the business the next morning, police say Rhodes pointed a gun at her and demanded cash.

He's also accused of stealing the employee's cellphone and car.

Cause of widespread grass fire probed

KS BURRTON — Authorities are investigating the cause of a grass fire that burned about 300 to 400 acres in central Kansas.

Harvey County spokesman Kyle McCaskey said in a news release that emergency crews responded around 1 p.m. Sunday to an area northeast of Burrton. The Wichita Eagle reported that as of about 4:30 p.m. Sunday, firefighters had stopped the spread of the flames.

No injuries or damage to homes



COLLEEN MCGRATH, THE (HAGERSTOWN, MD.) HERALD-MAIL/AP

Walking the towpath

Thomas Menter, of Williamsport, Md., walks his dog, Gracey, through fallen leaves covering the towpath at the C&O Canal National Historic Park in Williamsport on Monday.

was reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Woman reunited with wallet lost 15 years ago

WV HUNTINGTON — A West Virginia woman has been reunited with a wallet she lost in 2004.

Catrina Napier told WCHS-TV she got the wallet back on Friday after a student found it in a Spring Valley High School bathroom.

Michael Tyree said he found the wallet in the rubble of a bathroom ceiling that collapsed. He said he reached out to Napier on social media.

Among the items inside the wallet were a driver's license, a Social Security card and high school photos.

Napier said she doesn't know how her wallet ended up in a ceiling but suspects that pranksters were behind it. She said she's glad to get back "a little piece of your childhood that you had forgotten about."

Police charge man with stabbing 4 at pizzeria

VA NORFOLK — Police in Virginia charged a man with stabbing four people at a pizza restaurant.

Norfolk police said Joshua Fis-

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The number of minutes that Coco, a shiba inu, spent wedged between the broken bumper and the grille of a car that hit the dog. Rotterdam, N.Y., Police Lt. Jeffrey Collins said the driver knew she hit something but didn't see the dog at first. She drove about 15 miles to Rotterdam before hearing noises and stopping to check her car's front end. She called 911 after she saw the dog gazing from below the license plate. A Schenectady veterinary clinic worker told WNYT-TV that 16-pound Coco "fit perfectly" in the space and was lucky to be alive.

ers, 30, turned himself in Friday after a stabbing Thursday at Co-gans Plaza.

When first responders arrived, they found a 34-year-old man suffering from multiple stab wounds. The man was taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Officers found three other men had also been stabbed. They were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Police told WVEC-TV that the three men were injured while attempting to break up a fight.

Fisers was charged with four counts of malicious woundin-

Reservist relieved of her Fair Queen duties

IL ROCKFORD — A Rockford woman crowned 2019 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen will keep her title but won't be allowed to perform duties associ-

ated with the honor.

The Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs, which runs the pageant, said in a Saturday statement that Alexi Bladel will keep the title until January when a successor is named. Her name will remain on a historical roster, but she's "released" from duties.

The association declined to give a reason, citing privacy.

Bladel's family said her decision to join the U.S. Army Reserve led to the dismissal, but a pageant chairman told the Rockford Register Star it wasn't a factor.

Bladel is expected to graduate from basic training this month.

Firefighters rescue surveyor stuck in mud

ME FREEPORT — Freeport firefighters said a surveyor had to be rescued when he became stuck in mud up to his waist.

Deputy Fire Chief Eric Sylvain told the Times Record the episode unfolded Sunday in a pond that has been drained near Interstate 95 by Exit 22 in Freeport.

He said the more the man wiggled, the more he became stuck. A Freeport police officer nearby became stuck and retreated.

Sylvain said it took 90 minutes for firefighters to get the man to safety. Firefighters used a system of ladders across the mud to reach the man and then used shovels and straps to free him.

Officials said the surveyor was exhausted but was lucky to be un-

Police say man threw chihuahua at cousin

FL ST. PETERSBURG — A Florida man faces a misdemeanor battery charge for picking up a chihuahua in a metal cage and hurling it at his cousin during an argument.

Stephane Johnson was released Oct. 30 from the Pinellas County Jail, but he was ordered not to return to the home he shares with his cousin.

The Tampa Bay Times reported Johnson threatened to harm his cousin during an argument and then threw the cage with the 1-year-old Chihuahua named Roscoe inside.

From wire reports

FACES

Outkast, R.E.M. Neptunes are nominated for Songwriters Hall

The Neptunes, the innovative production-songwriting duo of Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo who shaped pop and urban radio from the '90s well into the 2000s thanks to crafting hits for Britney Spears, Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake, are nominated for the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Joining the Neptunes as nominees for the 2020 class are other visionaries who have carved out their own space in the music universe: rap icons Outkast and rock pioneers R.E.M.

Twenty-four acts are competing for the 2020 class, including Mariah Carey, Patti Smith, Journey, Vince Gill, Gloria Estefan, the Isley Brothers, former Eurythmics members Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, Mike Love, Bread's David Gates and Steve Miller.

Coates' debut novel is Carnegie finalist

Ta-Nehisi Coates' first novel, "The Water Dancer," is among the nominees for an Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence.

Coates' narrative of an enslaved person's journey to freedom is a fiction finalist, along with Valeria Luiselli's "Lost Children Archive" and Myla Goldberg's "Feast Your Eyes." The nonfiction nominees are Maria Popova's "Figuring," David Treuer's "The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present" and Adam Higginbotham's "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster."

The finalists were announced Monday by the American Library Association, which presents the awards. Winners in each category receive \$5,000, made possible in part by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Winners will be announced Jan. 26.

Other news

■ Not everyone is happy the Paris Review will give the Hadada Award to Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Richard Ford at the magazine's annual spring Revel. Pulitzer winner Viet Thanh Nguyen was among those on Twitter who noted the Hadada has only been given to white writers. Others, including author Roxane Gay, cited Ford's history of hostile behavior toward writers who criticized his work. In 2004, he spat on Colson Whitehead after Whitehead wrote a negative review of Ford's "A Multitude of Sins."

■ Carol Burnett will be among the familiar faces gracing the "Mad About You" revival. Sony Pictures Television announced Monday that Burnett will reprise her Emmy-winning role as the mother of Helen Hunt's character. "Mad About You" is returning for a limited run on the Spectrum Originals streaming service later this month.

From The Associated Press

COMMENTARY



PARAMOUNT PICTURES/AP

Linda Hamilton is pictured in a scene from "Terminator: Dark Fate."

Thanks, Hollywood white guys, but your work isn't finished yet

By ALYSSA ROSENBERG
The Washington Post

About halfway through "Terminator: Dark Fate," I found myself checking my watch. It wasn't that I was bored. Rather, I wanted to confirm my suspicion that I had made it a full hour into a \$185 million action blockbuster before the first significant male character — or at least the first significant male character who is more than a flat embodiment of relentless evil — made his appearance. "Terminator: Dark Fate" isn't a great movie, but that first half is particularly unusual and enjoyable, a mother-maiden-crone three-hander that uses freeway chases and brutal fight scenes to explore grief and the relationship between tenderness and ferocity.

It's also a story crafted by a group of men. As such, "Terminator: Dark Fate" is one of several recent examples of how good things can get when white men in Hollywood actually make an effort to tell stories about people who don't look like them. It's also proof of how much farther we have to go.

"Terminator: Dark Fate" follows Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton), an embittered survivor of relentless cyborg attacks; Grace (Mackenzie Davis), an enhanced supersoldier from the future; and Dani (Natalia Reyes), a young woman Grace has been sent to protect. They're relentlessly pursued by Rev-9 (Gabriel Luna), a cyborg who even more than his predecessors feels less like a person than a ruthlessly efficient manifestation of male violence. Sure, Arnold Schwarzenegger's T-800, now going by the name of Carl, shows up eventually. But he's mainly here to serve the story of a woman coming into her powers.

I'm delighted that "Terminator: Dark Fate" exists. But the "Terminator" movies,

and the care for Sarah Connor that James Cameron has shown over the years, don't make me think that the 65-year-old Canadian producer and director can carry the banner of women in action movies all by himself. Rather, his outsider's observations about what it's like to be a woman against the world make me want more women to get the chance to tell the world what masculinity looks like to them.

The same is true for "Watchmen," Damon Lindelof's continuation of Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons's landmark comic series. It's wonderful that a showrunner like Lindelof is giving the remarkable actress Regina King the chance to play the superheroine Sister Night and putting her at the center of his show, as well as hiring writers such as playwright Stacy Amma Osei-Kuffour and "The Good Place" and "Master of None" veteran Cord Jefferson. But the fact that Lindelof can do it makes the need for women and nonwhite people to tell superhero stories more urgent.

"I want to know what men think about women and power; their opinions are vital to our fate, after all. I want even more badly to see what the people who have typically been stuck as damsels in distress or in sidekick roles (when they haven't been reduced to racist caricatures) in such stories think about superpowered white men."

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Last week, FX chief executive John Landgraf announced that after concerted efforts almost 60 percent of the writers on FX shows are women and people of color, and that more than half of the original episodes the network produces are directed by women. That impressive achievement, which Landgraf intended as a response to reporting that showed his network lagging far behind in this regard, is a sharp rebuke to anyone who says it's simply just too hard to hire anyone other than white men. And it has produced some great, insightful television, including the groundbreaking historical drama, "Pose."

But Landgraf, who has demonstrated just what executives can achieve if they really dedicate themselves to transforming their workforce, cannot answer two other questions: What choices might women or people of color make if they were truly free to run a network in accordance with their tastes and instincts? Who might they hire, and what stories might those people tell?

I've long been grateful to Cameron for his interest in women and our concerns, and I'm grateful to Lindelof and Landgraf, too. But I'll be even happier if and when the entertainment industry reaches a point where I am not so painfully aware of how far we still have to go and I don't have to be so thankful for exceptions.

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OPINION

Make sure 3rd N. Korea summit is worth the trip

By JOHN DALE GROVER
Special to Stars and Stripes

Working-level talks in Sweden to lay the groundwork for a third summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un fell apart in early October. Since then relations have become more fraught. Pyongyang has warned Washington that it will be less interested in diplomacy if no deal is made by the end of 2019. There is a slim possibility — but a possibility nonetheless — of another attempt at a third summit.

Washington should focus on maintaining peace through crisis management and deterrence, not repeating failed demands for denuclearization.

The stakes are high and it's important to get this right. Pyongyang recently tested a submarine-launched ballistic missile and may eventually test intercontinental ballistic missiles. Although denuclearization is a desirable objective, it is currently an unrealistic one and should not be the goal of a third summit.

During the collapsed Sweden negotiations, the deal on the table appeared to be a swap of the nuclear facilities at Yongbyon for a limited suspension of certain sanctions and inspections — especially during denuclearization went nowhere. Because this was a nonstarter, Trump and Kim should instead establish liaison offices to improve their communication and crisis management. Talking to a hostile power is useful because it helps prevent miscommunication and misunderstanding — especially during a crisis — that might cause an accident or misunderstanding that spirals into war. The previous two summits in Singapore and Hanoi helped both leaders learn more about each other, but there were never

enough details hammered out at working-level talks beforehand to do more than lower tensions. The most recent meeting between Trump and Kim was a handshake “mini-summit” at the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas on June 30. This was a positive symbolic gesture designed to generate goodwill and restart productive talks.

The DMZ meeting was good in that it helped avoid a return to threats and the scolding days of “fire and fury” in 2017. A return to such dangerous rhetoric might happen going into 2020 if no progress is made. This is why pragmatic, peace-building goals are the way forward. Trump previously rushed ahead without enough preparation in pursuit of a “big” deal, and Kim stubbornly refused to let his negotiators meet with their U.S. counterparts in advance. Another summit must be worth it and both sides should meet ahead of time to work out a deescalation mechanism.

Summits for their own sake with photo ops can help keep the diplomatic ball rolling, but the summit must not go on for too long to be worth the effort. The United States can deter North Korea indefinitely, but time is running out for Trump to make a deal. Even without Kim's self-imposed deadline, South Korea and the United States have election cycles, so the summit must be worth it or could even delay negotiations. All these dates are coming fast, and now the impeachment inquiry into Trump is occupying his administration's finite bandwidth.

Combined, all of this means any agreement that could realistically be reached in a third summit will necessarily have to be modest — and set a strong foundation for future progress on peace and stability. Thankfully, liaison offices fit the bill and are a better means to advance U.S. security and national interests than a flashier

but ultimately unattainable denuclearization agreement. Kim will almost certainly never give up his nuclear weapons. He knows a nuclear arsenal ensures his regime's survival, and he knows he would lose. This is a good thing.

As frustrating as this is, Washington can continue to deter North Korea. America has the most powerful conventional and nuclear force on the planet. As long as Kim does not think he is under an imminent threat from the U.S., he will not start a nuclear conflict he knows he would lose. This is a good thing.

When mistrust abounds and countries can never be sure of each other's intentions, it is ever more vital for both sides to talk to each other. Liaison offices would calm rising tensions and make it easier to inform each other of actions — such as military exercises or accidents — that might be incorrectly interpreted as provocative. Because there are no formal embassies or similar diplomatic channels between Washington and Pyongyang, liaison offices ought to be the primary goal of a third summit.

What if there are no liaison offices or a similar deescalation mechanism, a third summit that does nothing on denuclearization has no value for either side. America and North Korea could attempt to trade limited sanctions suspension for some limited disarmament. A flexible opportunity to advance peace for decades exists for Trump and Kim if they are willing to seize it.

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For Uighurs in China, every day is Kristallnacht

By FRED HIAIT

The Washington Post

In China, every day is Kristallnacht. Eighty-one years ago this week, in what is also known as the “Night of Broken Glass,” hundreds of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in Nazi Germany were damaged or destroyed, along with thousands of Jewish-owned businesses. It was a senseless starting gun for the genocide that culminated in the extermination camps.

In western China, the demolition of mosques and bulldozing of cemeteries is a continuing, relentless process.

In a cultural genocide with few parallels since World War II, thousands of Muslim religious sites have been destroyed. At least 1 million Muslims have been confined to camps, where aging inmates are shackled and young men are forced to renounce their faith. Muslims not locked away are forced to eat during the fasting month of Ramadan, forced to drink and smoke in violation of their faith, barred from praying or studying the Quran or making the pilgrimage to Mecca. And China has managed to stifle, through 21st-century repression and age-old thuggery, virtually any reporting from the crime scene.

Which makes all the more significant the publication last week of a heartrending confession by a Uighur imam, the leader of Faith: The Destruction and Desecration of Uighur Mosques and Shrines,” by Bahram K. Sintash. Sintash, 37, lives in the U.S. but grew up in what is now, he says, “a police surveillance state unlike any the world has ever known.” Sintash knows. Chinese police took his father into custody in February 2018, and Sintash has not heard from him since. Unable to help his father — who,

if still alive, is 69 — Sintash has channeled his anguish into documenting the destruction of the Uighur heritage.

Uighurs — Sintash, his father and millions of other Chinese citizens — are an ethnically Turkic and religiously Muslim people. For decades, they found a place in Communist China. In fact, the Chinese Communist Party vetted imams, approved their sermons and authorized the study of Uighur culture. But in the intolerant rule of Xi Jinping, none of that was to last. Uighur party loyalty can be tolerated. Previously vetted clerics, even octogenarians, receive 20-year sentences. Anything that looks too “Islamic” — even a dome atop a department store — is flattened. Based on satellite imagery and interviews with recent exiles, escapees might be an apter term. Sintash estimates that 10,000 to 15,000 religious sites have been destroyed, he told a conference at the National Endowment for Democracy last week.

Many of these are village mosques, too small to stand out in Google satellite imagery, and no one on the ground will send pictures. Uighur citizens are in intense confinement in the camps. But Sintash has documented the destruction of more than 150 larger mosques in before and after, shrine-to-parking-lot photographs. In big cities, one mosque may be spared, for tourism or propaganda purposes, but even that one will have its dome and minarets removed, its religious inscriptions displaced by party banners.

Even starker are the images of cemeteries, such as the centuries-old Sultanmu burial ground in Hotan, replaced by what look like giant fields of mud.

“My father and my grandfather were also buried in this cemetery,” one exiled Uighur scholar told Sintash. “The ceme-

tery was the most important holy place for millions of people to go and visit in Hotan every year.”

Workers in the world of human rights tend to be highly reticent when it comes to Nazi analogies. The Holocaust was a unique event. Yet at the unveiling of the report last week, the Holocaust kept pushing itself into the conversation as the only adequate point of comparison. Omer Kanat, director and co-founder of the Uighur Human Rights Project, noted the Kristallnacht anniversary.

Carl Gershman, president of the National Endowment for Democracy, likened the brave reporters of Radio Free Asia to Jan Karski, the Pole who tried to alert the West to Nazi atrocities. Those RFA reporters are living in exile, since China does not let them in. But dozens of their family members in western China have been imprisoned in retribution for RFA's groundbreaking journalism on this cultural genocide.

And what is the impact of such destruction of sacred spaces?

Abdullah Dursun, a respected scholar who in 2016 was preparing to travel to Beijing from her home in Urumqi when she was taken away. Years before she disappeared, she said, “If one were to remove these ... shrines, the Uighur people would lose contact with earth. They would no longer have a personal, cultural and spiritual history. But dozens of their family members in western China have been imprisoned in retribution for RFA's groundbreaking journalism on this cultural genocide.

Sintash says he fears this is China's “final solution” to destroy the Uighur people.

“I don't know if my father died or is alive right now,” he said. “But I can see the mosque where we prayed is gone.”

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

McDonald's CEO learns workplace romance perilous

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Workplace couples are often romanticized — think Bill and Melinda Gates or Michelle and Barack Obama. But when the relationship involves two people with unequal power, it can also be fraught with peril, especially in the #MeToo era.

McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook is only the latest chief executive to be ousted over a consensual relationship with an employee. Increasingly, U.S. companies are adopting policies addressing workplace romances, a trend that began well before the #MeToo movement galvanized a national conversation surrounding sexual misconduct.

Addressing workplace romance can be complicated, but many companies remove any gray areas by forbidding managers, especially C-suite executives, from having relationships with subordinates given the potential for favoritism or lawsuits if the relationship sours.

There are questions about whether consent is truly possible when the power imbalance is especially great. Many women who have come forward to share their #MeToo stories have said they feared the consequences of saying no to a powerful person who could influence their careers.

"That power difference can create a dynamic where the relationship can never truly be consensual," said Debra Katz, a founder partner of the law firm Katz Marshall & Banks who has represented women in several prominent sexual harassment cases. "The #MeToo movement has shown how quickly it can go from consensual in the begin-

ning to a huge problem when the relationship goes awry."

Easterbrook's departure comes as McDonald's steps up its efforts to stop sexual harassment after dozens of employee complaints.

Over the last three years, more than 50 McDonald's employees have filed cases alleging sexual harassment.

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Debra Katz
Katz Marshall & Banks

program to teach its 850,000 U.S. employees how to recognize and report harassment and bullying. Franchisees — who own 95% of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants — aren't required to offer the training, but the company expects them to provide it.

McDonald's said Easterbrook violated company policy forbidding managers from having romantic relationships with direct or indirect subordinates. In an email to employees, Easterbrook said the relationship was a mistake and he agreed "it is time for me to move on." He was replaced by Chris Kempczinski, who recently served as president of McDonald's U.S.A.

Time's Up, a group that fights harassment and has been supporting workers' legal cases, said Easterbrook's departure should provide an opportunity for Mc-

Donald's to do more, including making sexual harassment training mandatory.

"Under the new leadership of Chris Kempczinski, McDonald's has an opportunity, and obligation, to act to ensure that all of its locations are safe and equitable for all," said Jennifer Klein, chief strategy and policy officer at Times Up.

The SHRM followed in the footsteps of Intel Chief Executive Brian Krzanich, who resigned last year after the chipmaker found he engaged in a relationship that violated a "nonfraternization" policy that applies to all managers.

Other CEOs who have been pushed out over consensual relationships include Darren Huston, of online travel company Priceline; Brian Dunn, of Best Buy; and Harry Stonecipher, of aerospace company Boeing.

In 2005 — the year Stonecipher was pushed out — just a quarter of U.S. workplaces had policies addressing consensual relationships, according to the Society for Human Resources Management, the world's largest group of human resources professionals.

By 2013, the number had jumped to 42%, according to a SHRM survey that year of 384 of its members. Of those workplaces, 99% prohibited romance between a supervisor and a direct report.

SHRM has not conducted a more recent survey on the issue, but other research suggests such policies are even more common now. In a 2018 survey of 150 human resources executives, the executive coaching firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas found that 78% of companies had policies discouraging dating between subordinates and managers.

Much more complicated is how far to go with such policies. Not all policies pertain just to bosses

and their underlings.

The SHRM study found that 45% of employers with workplace romance policies forbid relationships between employees of significant rank differences, while 35% prohibited them between employees who report to the same supervisor.

Many human resources professionals, however, believe it's unrealistic to adopt a blanket ban on workplace romance. A SHRM survey from January 2019 found that one-third of American adults have been in a romantic relationship with someone at work.

"People meet at work. It's not an uncommon place for romantic relationships to start," said John Gannon, an employment law attorney with Skoler Abbott in Springfield, Mass.

A growing trend among small companies is to sponsor happy hours for their staffers to increase camaraderie, said David Lewis, CEO of OperationsInc, an HR consulting firm. Those events can be fertile ground for romantic relationships, so it's hard for a business owner to then tell staffers to break up or quit, he said.

Lewis said he has seen a big increase in business owners asking for on-site training sessions for employees to raise their awareness on harassment.



RICHARD DREW/AP

McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook's departure comes as the company steps up its efforts to stop sexual harassment.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 6)	\$1.3587
Dollar buys (Nov. 6)	€0.7360
British pound (Nov. 6)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Nov. 6)	¥107.00
South Korean won (Nov. 6)	₩1,058.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2884
Canada (Dollar)	1.3136
China (Yuan)	7.0025
Denmark (Krone)	6.7415
Egypt (Pound)	£16.1299
Euro	\$1.1083/0.9023
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8355
Hungary (Forint)	298.37
Israel (Shekel)	3.4883
Japan (Yen)	108.97
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3035
Norway (Krone)	9.1652
Philippines (Peso)	50.43
Poland (Zloty)	3.85
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7500
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3579
South Korea (Won)	1,156.58
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0121
Thailand (Baht)	30.222
Turkey (Lira)	5.7466

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federated funds market rate	3.58
3-month bill	1.52
30-year bond	2.27

MARKET WATCH

Nov. 4, 2019

Dow Jones Industrials	114.75
	27,462.11
Nasdaq composite	46.80
	8,433.20
Standard & Poor's 500	11.36
	3,078.27
Russell 2000	8.07
	1,597.40

WEATHER OUTLOOK



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HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA PACIFIC

Galvin duo's relay win lifts Yokota to D-II title

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Throughout their high school years, Aiko Galvin said she'd heard constant comparisons of her older brothers Daniel and Mickey, each of them Yokota cross country and track stars.

Daniel won the Far East cross country title in 2015; would Mickey ever measure up to that?

"I know how much Mickey feels about being compared to Danny," Aiko Galvin said after the two paired up Tuesday to win the team-relay portion of the Far East meet at Misawa's Gosser Memorial Golf Course. "This was for Mickey."

Mickey, a senior, and Aiko, a sophomore who on Monday won the individual 3.12-mile race, led throughout the relay, which involved pairs of runners, one girl and one boy, taking turns running two 2.5-kilometer legs each for a total of 10 kilometers, or 6.24 miles.

"Very proud," said Dan Galvin, the siblings' father and longtime Panthers coach.

Aiko took the lead almost immediately on Tuesday and the two kept the lead through each baton exchange to the finish under pas-

tel-blue skies with temperatures in the mid-40s.

The Galvins finished the 6.24 miles in 36 minutes, 18.1 seconds. The closest finishers in trail were Matthew Inamine and Nana Richter of St. Mary's and Seisen, who won the D-I title in 37:20.7.

Mickey and Aiko embraced at the finish and tears brimmed in Aiko's eyes. "He's always cheering for me," she said of her older brother. "I just didn't want to let Mickey down."

"Tired. Good. Happy," Mickey Galvin said of the victory. "I'm happy that we won and that it came in my final race."

The two runners didn't have any special plan entering the event, other than "my dad wanted us to pair up and it would be fun to watch."

The elder Galvin called the victory "bittersweet" for the team and for himself, for Mickey graduates in June.

"Eight years ago, when Danny entered the ninth grade, I knew I would have one of mine running for me for the next 10 years. I have two more to go with Aiko now," Dan Galvin said.

From New Rochelle, N.Y., where he runs for Division I Iona, Daniel Galvin watched portions of the race via his father's mobile

phone. He says the best is yet to come for Mickey.

"It's an exciting year for him to finish, but I'm excited to see how he does in track" during spring, Daniel Galvin said. "I don't think it's done for Mickey yet."

Yokota won the D-II school banner but had its four-year streak of winning D-II boys team title snapped by Okinawa Christian. Yokota edged Zama 4-7 for the overall banner.

"The boys felt a little emotional" about that, but winning the overall school title "more than made up for it."

While St. Mary's and Seisen took the top two spots in the D-I team relay, Kinnick put four pairs in the top 10, enough to give the Red Devils the overall banner for the third time in four years. Kinnick edged out the Titans and Phoenix 4-6 for the title.

"It's the culmination of a lot of hard work," Kinnick coach Luke Voth said. "Meeting goals is always rewarding."

The Red Devils were thought to be rebuilding this year, but Hanokeliyah Gailson transferred in last spring and won Monday's individual race, and freshman Manzi Sibbo and the girls "surpassed expectations they had for themselves," Voth said.



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Yokota senior Mickey Galvin and sophomore Aiko Galvin teamed up to win the Far East cross-country relay on Tuesday.

"It helped to have a group of guys who knew how to win," Voth said. "At the start of the year, we didn't know how the girls would

do, but every one of them stepped up."

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Top Scores for Week 9

90	USAFR1PILOT	Middle East
89	ewertt1	Europe
88	ckendziera	United States
86	2damax	Europe
85	Lek-cellent	Pacific
84	armydude1212	Pacific
84	cowboy48	United States
82	LunchMoney	Europe
81	KINGKAPP	Pacific
81	seachickens	Europe

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HALL OF FAME



Top 10 Overall Scores

813	gbpack	Europe
793	820th Horseman	Middle East
786	Review16	United States
779	PurplePeopleEaters	Pacific
779	cowboy48	United States
779	hansenbh	Middle East
769	jeanfontenot	United States
766	gobrownies43	Europe
760	LunchMoney	Europe
757	JFKF4853	Middle East

Week 10 DEADLINE

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Fortune: Cards begin season ranked in Top 25

FROM BACK PAGE

the players' dorm.

In just his second year, Chris Mack has the Cardinals opening the season ranked in the Top 25.

"It was just like, imagine that you get knocked down by a boxer and the ref is counting, helping you up," senior guard Ryan McMahon said.



Mack

"And then right when you stand up, the ref doesn't even say time back in and the other boxer comes in and just punches you again while you're still trying to get your wherewithal.

"We had just kind of recovered from that first scandal and then boom, we got hit with another one. ... I'm just I'm glad I stuck it out and stayed around."

It would have been hard to blame McMahon if he hadn't stuck around.

The school had acknowledged it was being investigated in a federal corruption investigation of college basketball. Ten people were initially arrested, including an Adidas executive alleged to have paid the family of former Louisville recruit Brian Bowen to attend school. Bowen never played for the Cardinals and transferred to South Carolina.

That announcement came just months before the NCAA vacated 123 victories and Louisville's 2013 men's basketball title as discipline for a 2015 sex scandal — all of which ultimately resulted in the firing of Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino.

An escort had alleged in a book that former Cardinals men's basketball staffer Andre McGee hired her and other dancers to strip and have sex with players

and recruits in the team dormitory. Pitino denied knowledge of the activities described in the book. He wasn't named in the federal complaint but denied knowing and participating in payments to a recruit's family.

David Padgett did an admirable job holding things together, going 22-14 as interim coach before being replaced by Mack, who blended holdovers with transfers and led the program back to the NCAA Tournament last spring in what was supposed to be a transitional season.

Five teammates have also toughed it out, including leading scorer Jordan Nwora — a preseason Associated Press All-America selection — and Louisville native Dwayne Sutton. Now they lead one of the Cardinals' most experienced rosters in years.

Mack has also made a splash on the recruiting trail, signing high school All-America forward Samuel Williamson and St. Joseph's graduate transfer Lamarr "Fresh" Kimball.

With all the lofty projections of reaching the Final Four, Mack reminds the Cardinals that they haven't done anything yet.

But the former Xavier coach also believes they can meet the high bar.

"I was left with tremendously talented players," said Mack, noting Sutton, McMahon and others were recruited by Pitino. "Those guys are our stalwarts, our warriors, our better players, our most experienced players. I've coached them really hard, and our staff has coached them hard. The type of character they have has allowed them to be coached, maybe by somebody they didn't sign up for.

"Are we satisfied with the preseason ranking? If I were to show that satisfaction to you all (media) about where our program is, I'd think I'd be a little hypocritical to our players."



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Leading scorer Jordan Nwora is a preseason All-America selection for fifth-ranked Louisville. He's one of five returnees.



AUSTIN ANTHONY, DAILY NEWS/AP

Western Kentucky center Charles Bassey, right, enters this season as one of the top pro prospects from any college that isn't in a major conference or in the preseason Top 25.

Not to be overlooked

Bassey tops list of mid-major players to watch

By STEVE MEGARGE
Associated Press

Ja Morant provided an inspiration to all small-college players when he earned All-America honors at Murray State last season and went to the Memphis Grizzlies with the second overall pick in the NBA Draft.

There doesn't appear to be anyone of Morant's caliber in the mid-major and low-major ranks this season, but there remain plenty of productive performers and pro prospects from outside the largest conferences.

Western Kentucky center Charles Bassey was having a productive freshman season last year while watching Morant rise to stardom about 100 miles away. Bassey enters this season as one of the top pro prospects from any college that isn't in a major conference or in the preseason Top 25.

"Guys that go to smaller schools still get drafted," the 6-foot-11 sophomore said. "It's not about the school. The school doesn't get you drafted. You get yourself drafted by the way you play and stuff like that."

Although he plays outside the major conferences, Bassey isn't exactly a sleeper.

He's rated the nation's No. 6 overall prospect in his high school class, according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports. Bassey is the rare five-star prospect to sign with a mid-major program. He plays for a Western Kentucky staff that includes his legal guardian, Hennessey Auriantal, as an assistant coach.

Bassey averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds and 2.4 blocks while helping Western Kentucky go 20-14. He was one of five finalists for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award given to the nation's top college center.

Here's a rundown of some other players to know from non-Top 25 teams in mid-major or low-major conferences.

Antoine Davis, G, Detroit Mercy

Height: 6-1

Class: Sophomore

Notes: Davis ranked third among all Division I players in scoring (26.1) last season and made 132 three-point baskets to break the NCAA freshman record previously owned by two-time NBA Most Valuable Player and former Davidson star Stephen Curry. Davis ranked second among all Division I players last year in three-pointers per game with 4.4.

Lamine Diane, F, Cal St. Northridge

Height: 6-7

Class: Sophomore

Notes: As a redshirt freshman last year, Diane earned honorable mention on the Associated Press All-America team and made 340 baskets to lead all Division I players. Diane ranked sixth in Division I in both scoring (24.8) and rebounding (11.2). Diane also had 2.2 blocks per game.

Jerrick Harding, G, Weber State

Height: 6-1

Class: Senior

Notes: Harding averaged 21.4 points last season after collecting 22 points per game two years ago. He has earned first-team all-Big Sky honors each of those years. Harding led the Big Sky with his .870 free-throw percentage last season.

Anthony Lamb, F, Vermont

Height: 6-6

Class: Senior

Notes: Lamb led the America East Conference in scoring (21.2) and rebounds (7.8) last season. He also had 62 total blocks to rank second in the conference on his way to earning honorable mention on the Associated Press All-America team. He helped Vermont earn an NCAA bid by averaging 26.7 points in three America East Conference Tournament games.

Jermaine Marrow, G, Hampton

Height: 6 feet

Class: Senior

Notes: Marrow ranked eighth among all Division I players in scoring (24.4) last season and also averaged 4.9 assists, 4.1 rebounds and 1.6 steals. He also set school single-season records for free throws made (218) and attempted (269). As a sophomore, Marrow averaged 19.1 points.

Grant Riller, G, Charleston

Height: 6-3

Class: Senior

Notes: Riller scored 21.9 points per game last season after averaging 18.6 points as a sophomore. He also averaged 4.1 assists last season and shot 53.8 percent from the floor and 80.6 percent from the free-throw line. Riller has scored at least 30 points in 11 career games.

NBA

Roundup

Booker scores 40, helps Suns hand 76ers first loss

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Devin Booker was pouring in buckets from every corner of the court during the second half and the home crowd loved every minute of it, serenading the Phoenix Suns star with MVP chants as he finished with 40 points in a 114-109 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

The 23-year-old guard did a lot of losing during his first four seasons in the desert.

That's why these moments — even though it's very early in year five — are feeling awfully good. "That's the love I get here. It's been unconditional since day one," Booker said. "It's good to feel the energy in there. The fans are getting what they want — a hard-working team that pushes the issue every night."

Phoenix (5-2) continued its run as one of the most surprising teams in the NBA, knocking off the previously undefeated 76ers, who played without star center Joel Embiid because of his two-game suspension for an altercation with Minnesota's Karl Anthony-Towns on Oct. 30.

Ricky Rubio added 21 points and 10 assists for the Suns, who are three games over .500 for the first time in more than four years. Phoenix is on a three-game winning streak and off to its best seven-game start since 2013.

Booker finished 15-for-19 from the field, including 3-for-4 from three-point range, and 7-for-7 on free throws.

"I've said it for a while: He's a complete basketball player," Phoenix coach Monty Williams said. "He's competitive, not afraid of the moment. He makes big plays."

Phoenix pushed ahead 100-93 midway through the final quarter, but the lead quickly disappeared and Al Horford tied the game when he came flying down the lane for a one-handed, put-back slam.

From that point, it was back and forth until the Suns went in the final few minutes when Booker and Kelly Oubre Jr. made big baskets to put them in front.

Nets 135, Pelicans 125: Kyrie Irving had 39 points and nine assists, and host Brooklyn withstood Brandon Ingram's career-high 40 points to beat New Orleans.

The Nets had 67 points at halftime and a 20-point lead in the third quarter, but could never get comfortable until the final minute as Ingram kept coming at them.

He shot 17-for-24 from the field in his first 40-point game and the Pelicans scored a franchise-record 48 points in the third quarter. They got within two in the fourth but could never get enough



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Suns guard Devin Booker shoots over 76ers center Kyle O'Quinn during the second half on Monday in Phoenix.

stops to catch the Nets.

Warriors 127, Trail Blazers 118: Rookie forward Eric Paschall hit a key three-pointer with 4:05 remaining and injured with 34 points and 13 rebounds on his 33rd birthday, leading injured-plagued Golden State over Portland for its first home win at last.

Without all their injured stars, the young Warriors shined against a Western Conference contender to give Golden State its first victory at new Chase Center as Klay Thompson cheered from the sideline.

Damian Lillard notched his fourth 30-point performance in the first seven games with 39 points on 15-for-26 shooting, including five three-pointers.

Rockets 107, Grizzlies 100: James Harden scored 44 points, and visiting Houston recovered from a poor performance one night earlier to earn a victory over Memphis.

Harden carried the load for the Rockets, who didn't shoot particularly well and were without Russell Westbrook because he had the night off for rest. The 2018

NBA MVP finished 12-for-28 from the field, including 7-for-16 from three-point range. He added 10 rebounds and six assists.

Rookie guard Ja Morant led the Grizzlies with 23 points and six assists.

Bucks 134, Timberwolves 106: Giannis Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 15 rebounds as Milwaukee beat host Minnesota.

Last season's NBA MVP has posted a double-double in all seven games this season.

Khris Middleton added 26 points to match his season high, and Eric Bledsoe set a season best with 22.

Wizards 115, Pistons 99: Bradley Beal's 22 points and six assists helped host Washington shake off an ugly loss and beat depleted Detroit in a half-empty arena while ending Andre Drummond's 20-20 streak.

Two days after losing by 22 at home to Minnesota, the Wizards improved to 2-4 thanks to 14 points and seven rebounds from Thomas Bryant, and nine points and six assists from Isaiah Thomas in his first start of the season.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	1	80%	1/2
Boston	2	3	67%	2
Toronto	2	3	40%	2 1/2
Brooklyn	3	4	42%	2 1/2
New York	3	4	14%	4 1/2

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	1	83%	—
Charlotte	3	3	50%	2
Atlanta	2	3	40%	2 1/2
Washington	3	3	33%	3
Orlando	2	4	33%	3

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	2	7	21%	—
Indiana	3	3	50%	1 1/2
Utah	4	1	80%	1 1/2
Cleveland	4	4	50%	2 1/2
Chicago	2	5	28%	3

Western Conference

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	4	2	67%	—
San Antonio	4	2	67%	—
Houston	4	3	57%	1/2
Memphis	1	6	14%	3 1/2
New Orleans	1	6	14%	3 1/2

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	2	6	26%	—
Minnesota	4	2	67%	—
Portland	3	4	42%	1/2
Oklahoma City	4	4	50%	2

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L.A. Lakers	5	1	83%	—
Phoenix	2	7	21%	—
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Sacramento	2	5	28%	3

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San Antonio at Atlanta	—	—	—	—
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New York at Detroit	—	—	—	—
Washington at Atlanta	—	—	—	—
Chicago at Atlanta	—	—	—	—
Golden State at Houston	—	—	—	—
Sacramento at Toronto	—	—	—	—
Minnesota at Memphis	—	—	—	—
Orlando at Dallas	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia at Utah	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers	—	—	—	—

Thursday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston at Charlotte	—	—	—	—
Oklahoma City at San Antonio	—	—	—	—
Miami at Phoenix	—	—	—	—
Portland at L.A. Clippers	—	—	—	—

Friday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio at Dallas	—	—	—	—
Orlando at Charlotte	—	—	—	—
Phoenix at Oklahoma City	—	—	—	—
Golden State at Houston	—	—	—	—
Sacramento at Toronto	—	—	—	—
Minnesota at Memphis	—	—	—	—
Orlando at Dallas	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia at Utah	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers	—	—	—	—

Saturday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio at Dallas	—	—	—	—
Orlando at Charlotte	—	—	—	—
Phoenix at Oklahoma City	—	—	—	—
Golden State at Houston	—	—	—	—
Sacramento at Toronto	—	—	—	—
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Rockets 107, Grizzlies 100

HOUSTON —	House Jr. 6-15, 11-15, Tucker 0-10-0, Capela 5-10-0-10, Harden 12-28 13-14, Gordon 1-17-15, Johnson 1-16-10-0-0-0, Chandler 0-0-0-0, Clemens 0-0-0-0, Rivers 3-9-0-0, McLemore 1-1-1-1-1-1, Totals 99-83 20-29 107.
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MEMPHIS —	Crowder 2-8-3-4, Clarke 1-4-1-3, Vanolancinas 0-1-1-1-1-1, Morant 10-16-24-23, Brooks 7-18-3-4-17, Hill 1-5-2-4, K Anderson 4-9-2-10, Cabocelo 5-8-0-0-1, Jones 4-9-2-10, Gasque 3-6-0-0-0, Totals 104-91 17-21 100.
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Houston	31	29	22	23-107
Memphis	28	32	24	100

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Detroit	30	31	21	99

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NHL roundup

Bruins hold off Penguins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Brad Marchand scored his second goal of the game with a 157 left in the third period, and the Boston Bruins beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 6-4 Monday night after blowing a three-goal lead.

David Pastrnak, Jake DeBrusk and Torey Krug also scored for Boston (11-1-2), which has won six straight. Marchand added two assists, extending his point streak to 13 games.

"They're fun to be part of. You don't expect them to come often, but they're nice when they happen," Marchand said of his big night.

Dominik Kahun, Nick Bjugstad, Bryan Rust and John Marino scored for Pittsburgh. Marino's was his first career NHL goal.

Marchand skated in down the left wing and fired a wrister that hit the far post and went into the net off the back of goalie Tristan Jerry. Krug's one-timer from the right circle had tied it 4-4 midway into the third.

Patrice Bergeron added an empty-net goal and Jaroslav Halak made 40 saves.

Players on Pittsburgh's bench were jumping up and down when Marino scored to cap the huge comeback and a frustrated Halak smashed his stick off the crossbar into a couple of pieces, tossing the handle off the backboards when he was done.

Senators 6, Rangers 2: Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored twice and Anders Nilsson stopped 32 shots as visiting Ottawa routed New York for its first road win of the season.

Tracy Ennis, Ron Hainsey, Brady Tkachuk and former Russian Vladimir Nemtsov also scored for the Senators, who have four victories in 13 games. Ottawa also snapped the Rangers' two-game winning streak.

Predators 6, Red Wings 1: Nick Bonino scored the first of his team's five second-period goals, and visiting Nashville easily dispatched Detroit.

Matt Duchene scored the last two goals of the middle period for Nashville, and Kyle Turris and Colton Sissons contributed a goal apiece. The first four goals by the Predators came in a span of 5:36. Filip Forsberg added a goal for Nashville in the third.

Coyotes 3, Oilers 2 (OT): Derian Hargreaves scored at 2:01 of overtime and visiting Arizona beat Edmonton.

Stefan Patek found a feed from Nick Schmaltz and picked the corner on goalie Mikko Koskinen for the winner.

Michael Grabner and Carl Soderberg also scored for the Coyotes, who are 8-2-0 in their last 10 games.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Bruins center Brad Marchand, left, tips the puck past Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Matt Murray for a goal during the first period of Monday's game in Boston. Marchand scored two goals, including the game winner, in the Bruins' 6-4 victory.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	14	11	2	24	52	31
Buffalo	15	9	4	2	20	45
Florida	14	7	3	4	18	51
Toronto	15	7	3	3	17	53
Montreal	15	7	2	1	16	51
Tampa Bay	13	6	5	2	14	47
Ottawa	15	7	2	1	9	37
Detroit	16	11	1	1	9	34

Metropolitan Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	16	11	2	3	25	64
N.Y. Islanders	13	10	3	0	20	49
Carolina	15	9	4	1	19	38
Pittsburgh	15	8	6	1	17	51
Philadelphia	15	7	2	2	14	45
Columbus	14	5	6	3	13	50
N.Y. Rangers	15	7	1	1	13	37
New Jersey	12	9	5	1	10	36

Western Conference

Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	15	9	3	3	21	47
Nashville	15	9	4	2	20	43
Colorado	14	8	4	2	18	48
Minnesota	15	7	2	1	16	43
Dallas	16	7	8	1	15	47
San Jose	15	7	1	1	13	42
Minnesota	14	4	9	1	9	33

Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	14	9	3	2	22	46
Vancouver	14	9	3	0	20	53
Arizona	15	9	4	1	19	41
Anaheim	16	9	6	1	19	43
Calgary	17	8	7	2	18	49
Los Angeles	14	5	9	0	10	57
San Jose	15	10	1	1	9	36

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's games

Washington 4, Calgary 2	
Chicago 3, Anaheim 2 (OT)	
Monday's games	
Boston 6, N.Y. Rangers 2	
Ottawa 6, Detroit 1	
Arizona 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)	

Tuesday's games	
New Jersey 4, Winnipeg 3	
Colorado 2 at Philadelphia	
St. Louis at Vancouver	
Anaheim 3 at San Jose	

Wednesday's games	
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers	
St. Louis at Edmonton	
Thursday's games	
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina	
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders	
Washington at Florida	

Friday's games	
Vegas at Toronto	
Los Angeles at Chicago	
Nashville at Colorado	
Columbus at Arizona	
Nov. 15 — Hockey Hall of Fame game, Boston at Toronto.	

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Calender
Nov. 8-9 — NHL Global Series, Buffalo vs. Tampa Bay at Stockholm.

Dec. 1 — Signing deadline (G 2 free agents, F 1, D 1, E 3, S 3)

Dec. 10 — Board of Governors meeting, Pebble Beach, Calif.

Bumgarner gets qualifying offer

By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

BUMGARNER — Madison Bumgarner was among 10 free agents who received \$17.8 million qualifying offers from their former teams on Monday, a move that likely will decrease demand for the 30-year-old left-hander.

Bumgarner, the 2014 World Series MVP, went 9-9 with a 3.90 ERA in 34 starts this year after two injury-shortened seasons. San Francisco also made a qualifying offer to left-handed reliever Will Smith.

Six pitchers received the qualifying offers among the 168 free agents, including right-handers Gerrit Cole (Houston), Stephen Strasberg (Washington), Zack Wheeler (New York Mets) and Jake Odorizzi (Minnesota). The others given the offers were third basemen Anthony Rendon (Washington) and Josh Donaldson (Atlanta), first baseman Jose Abreu (Chicago White Sox) and outfielder Marcell Ozuna (Louis).

On the day before free agents can start negotiating contracts with all teams, Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez decided to stay in Boston instead of becoming a free agent, declining an option that would have voided the last three years and \$62.5 million owed as part of the \$110 million, five-year contract he signed after teams had reported to spring training in 2018.

Elvis Andrus is staying with the Rangers after the shortstop passed on a second chance to opt out of his contract, give up \$43 million over the next three years and become a free agent.

Milwaukee cut \$15 million in payroll for next season, trading right-hander Chase Anderson to Toronto for outfielder first base prospect Chad Spanberger and declining a \$7.5 million option on power-hitting first baseman Eric Thames. Anderson was 8-4 with a 4.21 ERA in 27 starts and five relief appearances. Milwaukee had planned to decline his \$8.5 million option, which would have made him eligible for salary arbitration, and Toronto exercised the option following the trade.

Pittsburgh exercised options on right-hander Chris Archer (\$9 million) and outfielder Starling Marte (\$11.5 million), preventing them from becoming free agents.

Among those whose options were declined were Los Angeles Angels outfielder Kole Calhoun, Atlanta right-hander Julio Teheran, Minnesota left-hander Martin Perez, Philadelphia right-handers Jared Hughes and Pat Neshek, and Phillies left-hander Jansen Vargas.

A new team signing a player who turned down the qualifying offer would lose at least one pick in next year's amateur draft as compensation unless a deal

is struck after the draft starts in June. Compensation caused pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Craig Kimbrel to wait until after the draft to sign 2019 deals.

Players have until 5 p.m. EST on Nov. 14 to accept.

Qualifying offers began after the 2012 season, and only three of 80 offers have been accepted: New York Mets second baseman Neil Walker and Philadelphia pitcher Jeremy Hellickson after the 2016 season and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu last offseason.

A free agent can be made a qualifying offer only if he has been with the same team continuously since opening day and has never received a qualifying offer before.

The New York Yankees failed to make a \$17.8 million qualifying offer to Didi Gregorius and will not receive draft-pick compensation if the free-agent shortstop signs with another team. Gregorius, who turns 30 in February, came back from Tommy John surgery in early June and hit .238 with 16 homers and 61 RBIs in 82 games. If New York doesn't re-sign Gregorius, it could move Gleyber Torres from second to shortstop, make DJ LeMahieu the regular second baseman and allocate more payroll to starting pitching.

The price of the qualifying offer is determined by the average of the top 125 major league contracts this year and it dropped by \$100,000.

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JOHN HERTZ/AP

Madison Bumgarner received a \$17.8 million qualifying offer Monday from the San Francisco Giants, a move that likely will decrease demand for him in the free-agent market. Bumgarner is 9-9 with a 3.90 ERA over 34 starts this season.

NFL

On football

Finding franchise QB fickle no matter draft position

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Finding a franchise quarterback is a tough job that often defines the career of a personnel boss in the NFL.

In Philadelphia, general manager Howie Roseman is praised for landing Carson Wentz after trading up twice to secure the No. 2 pick in the 2016 NFL Draft. Wentz led the Eagles to a division title in his second season and finished third in NFL MVP voting.

Chicago Bears GM Ryan Pace tried the same strategy the following year, trading up to take Mitchell Trubisky. It seemed like a good pick when Trubisky led Chicago to 12 wins and a division championship his second season. But Trubisky and the Bears (3-5) are struggling this year and every football fan in Chicago is quick to point out that Pace passed on Patrick Mahomes (No. 10) and Deshaun Watson (No. 12) to select Trubisky.

Wentz easily outplayed Trubisky on Sunday in Philadelphia's 22-14 win over the Bears. Trubisky finished just 10-for-21 for 125 yards. Chicago's offense was so bad in the first half — five three-and-outs, 9 total yards — that some observers wondered why Bears coach Matt Nagy didn't bench Trubisky for veteran Chase Daniel.

"We knew that we could collectively be better," Nagy said when asked if he considered a quarterback change. "Again, it was us as a unit overall. Whether it was the offensive line, running backs, wide receivers, tight ends and the quarterback, in general we didn't start fast."

Trubisky had no chance against the Eagles (5-4). His frustration

was obvious.

"It's not playing up to what we know we are capable of," he said. "It's making simple mistakes. It's getting out-executed, getting outplayed when we know we are capable of much more, when we know we have more inside of us, when we know we are talented but we are still coming up short. There is a lot of really simple things that we did last year that we do in practice that on game day we are coming up short. And that's why you have this crappy feeling, and that's where the frustration comes. Losing sucks."

Wentz gets his share of criticism in Philly, especially from those still hung up on Nick Foles leading the team to a Super Bowl victory after the 2017 season and a playoff win last season. Foles

was 10-3 filling in when Wentz was injured over the past two seasons. He left for Jacksonville in free agency and Wentz got a contract extension that includes \$108 million guaranteed.

"We have a lot of guys changing out and just keep building the chemistry but I can definitely play better and I think as an offense we'll just keep getting better," Wentz said after completing 26 of 39 for 239 yards and one TD.

Other quarterbacks drafted among the top five picks since 2016 are having varying degrees of success. Jared Goff, selected ahead of Wentz with the first overall pick by the Rams in 2016, is 31-19 since his rookie year. He's a two-time Pro Bowl selection and already led Los Angeles to the Super Bowl.



MATT ROOURKE/AP

Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky struggled again Sunday against the Eagles. Chicago fans like to point out the Bears passed on Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson to draft Trubisky.

Baker Mayfield, chosen No. 1 by Cleveland in 2018, has followed up an impressive rookie year with a dreadful season. The Browns are 2-6, and Mayfield has seven

touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Sam Darnold, picked No. 3 by the Jets, is 5-13 in two seasons. His team lost Sunday to previously winless Miami.

Some of the quarterbacks who've fared well recently were undrafted or picked on Day 2 and Day 3 of the draft.

Kyle Allen, signed as an undrafted free agent by Carolina last year, is 5-1 with nine TDs and four interceptions filling in for Cam Newton.

Gardner Minshew, a sixth-round pick by Jacksonville this season, replaced Foles after he got injured Week 1 and is 4-4 with 13 TDs and four picks.

Brandon Allen, a sixth-round pick by the Rams in 2016 and claimed on waivers this season, won his NFL debut with Denver.

Mason Rudolph, a third-round pick by Pittsburgh in 2018, is 3-2 since Ben Roethlisberger suffered a season-ending injury.

It's far too early to make a determination on the careers of any of these young quarterbacks, but one thing is certain: There are no sure hits no matter draft position.



MATT ROOURKE/AP

Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz passes under pressure against the Chicago Bears on Sunday. Philadelphia GM Howie Roseman is mostly praised for landing Wentz.

Briefs

Ex-Browns safety Whitehead 'deeply regretful' for rant

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jermaine Whitehead apologized Tuesday for his alarming postgame social media rant, a tirade that led to his release by the Browns.

Whitehead was cut Monday after he posted several threatening and profane messages on Twitter following Cleveland's 24-19 loss in Denver on Sunday.

The 26-year-old safety directed one of his messages at a former NFL player who had questioned his tackling. Whitehead used a derogatory racial term toward the player, and in another response to a fan said "Imma kill you."

On his Instagram page, Whitehead expressed remorse. "I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for my actions

following our game with Denver," he wrote. "That was totally out of character for me. I do not justify my actions, but was extremely frustrated with the way I had played and our team losing because of it. I was playing with a broken hand, but that is no excuse for my actions, and I am deeply regretful."

During his news conference Monday, Browns coach Freddie Kitchens reiterated the team's postgame statement that called Whitehead's posts "totally unacceptable and highly inappropriate."

Whitehead started the Browns' first eight games, and he entered Sunday's game leading the team's secondary in tackles. The Browns signed him one year ago after he

was released by Green Bay. The Packers cut him for punching a New England lineman in a game.

Dolphins offense loses top runner, receiver

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins running back Mark Walton was suspended Monday without pay for the next four games for violating NFL conduct and substance abuse policies.

The suspension stems from Walton being arrested three times last offseason in his hometown of Miami. He was sentenced in August to six months' probation after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor weapons charge.

Walton became a starter in Week 5 and leads the Dolphins

with 201 yards rushing.

Meanwhile, wide receiver Preston Williams' breakout season with the Dolphins is over.

The undrafted rookie will miss the final eight games with a knee injury suffered against the New York Jets, coach Brian Flores said Monday.

Williams was a pleasant surprise amid Miami's dismal start this season. He has 32 receptions, which leads the Dolphins and is tied for the most among rookie wide receivers in the NFL. He also leads Miami with 428 yards receiving and caught two touchdowns passes Sunday.

Flores declined to give details about the injury and said it's not yet known whether Williams will be ready for training camp next

year.

Walton, a former University of Miami star, was drafted in the fourth round in 2018 by the Cincinnati Bengals. They released him after his arrests, and he signed in May with the Dolphins.

They had been aware of the likelihood of his suspension.

Walton will be eligible to return to the active roster Dec. 2 following the Week 13 game against the Eagles.

Kalen Ballage, who has rushed for just 70 yards on 35 carries this year, will likely replace Walton as the starter for Miami (1-7) on Sunday at Indianapolis. Last week the Dolphins traded running back Kenyan Drake to Arizona, even with Walton's suspension looming.

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Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750	158	131
Miami	1	7	0	.125	103	156
N.Y. Jets	1	7	0	.125	96	211
Houston	6	3	0	.667	238	191
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	182	177
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	176	189
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	168	165
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	251	176
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	176	169
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	152	205
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	124	210
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	252	204
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	182	216
L.A. Chargers	4	5	0	.444	183	168
Denver	3	6	0	.333	149	170

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	227	142
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	224	213
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	176	255
Washington	1	8	0	.111	108	219
New Orleans	7	1	0	.875	195	156
Carolina	5	3	0	.625	209	204
Tampa Bay	2	6	0	.250	230	252
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	165	250
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	226	189
Minnesota	6	3	0	.667	234	158
Detroit	3	4	1	.438	204	217
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	142	144
San Francisco	8	0	0	1.000	235	102
Seattle	7	2	0	.778	248	230
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	214	174
Arizona	3	5	1	.389	195	251

Thursday's game
San Francisco 26, Arizona 25
Sunday's games
Houston 26, Jacksonville 3
Buffalo 24, Washington 9
Philadelphia 22, Chicago 14
Pittsburgh 26, Indianapolis 24
Kansas City 26, Minnesota 23
Carolina 30, Tennessee 20
Miami 26, N.Y. Jets 18
Oakland 31, Detroit 24
L.A. Chargers 26, Green Bay 11
Denver 24, Cleveland 19
Seattle 40, Tampa Bay 34, OT
Baltimore 37, New England 20
Open: L.A. Rams, New Orleans, Atlanta, Cincinnati

Monday's game
Dallas 37, N.Y. Giants 18
Thursday, Nov. 7
L.A. Chargers at Oakland
Sunday, Nov. 10
Arizona at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Tennessee
Oakland at Cleveland
Baltimore at Cincinnati
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans
Atlanta at New Orleans
Detroit at Chicago
Miami at Indianapolis
Carolina at Green Bay
L.A. Rams at Pittsburgh
Minnesota at Dallas
Open: Washington, Jacksonville, New England, Denver, Philadelphia, Houston
Monday, Nov. 11
Seattle at San Francisco

Monday
Cowboys 37, Giants 18
Dallas 37, New York 18
First quarter
NYG—FG Rosas 21, 13:23.
Dal—FG Maher 35, 8:19.
Second quarter
NYG—Latimer 1 pass from D.Jones (Mahr kick), 11:55.
NYG—FG Rosas 25, 2:50.
Dal—Jarwin 42 pass from Prescott (Mahr kick), 5:2.
Third quarter
Dal—FG Maher 52, :00.
Fourth quarter
Dal—Gallup 12 pass from Prescott (Mahr kick), 12:40.
NYG—FG Rosas 29, 11:50.
Dal—Cooper 45 pass from Prescott (Mahr kick), 7:56.
Dal—Lewis 63 fumble return (Mahr kick), :06.
A—76:107.
Dal NYG
First downs 429 271
Total Net Yards Rushes-yards 30-172 22-100
Passes-yards 25-7 171
Punt Returns 2-24 1-15
Kickoff Returns 7-106 3-78
Interceptions Ret. 1-29 1-7
Comp-Att-Int 22-35-1 26-41-1
Sacks-Yards Lost 5-30 3-30
Punts 2-40-0 3-47-3
Fumbles-Lost 1-1 2-2
Penalties-Yards 10-104 8-71
Time of Possession 38:04 31:56
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, Elliott 25-139, Polard 11, Prescott 3-12, Cobb 1, New York, D.Jones 6-54, Barkley 14-28, Tate 1-2.
PASSING—Dallas, Prescott 22-35-1, D.Jones 2-10, New York, Barkley 6-57, Engram 6-48, Tate 6-42, Fowler 3-22, Elliott 2-17, Miller 1-10.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Maher 54.



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Dallas wide receiver Michael Gallup stays in bounds as he flips over the goal line to score during the fourth quarter of the Cowboys' 37-18 victory over the New York Giants on Monday night in East Rutherford, N.J. Dallas moved a half-game ahead of Philadelphia in the NFC East.

Cat, Dak bring bad luck to Giants

Prescott throws 3 TD passes after animal crossing as Dallas again defeats New York

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — First, the black cat ran on the field.
Then the Dallas Cowboys scampered past the New York Giants.
Dak Prescott shook off an interception on his first pass and threw for three touchdowns, and the Cowboys turned three Daniel Jones turnovers into 13 points on their way to a 37-18 victory over the Giants in a Monday night game that was briefly delayed in the second quarter by an elusive feline.
“Things weren’t good up to that point,” Prescott said about the game before the cat appeared. “It could only get better from there. I definitely thought about that. I guess we’ll start rolling now that the black cat’s come in bad for the Giants. It was fun. First time I’ve seen an animal run on the field that I’ve been a part of.”
Ezekiel Elliott ran for a season-high 139 yards as Dallas (5-3) beat New York (2-7) for the sixth consecutive time. DeMarcus Lawrence had one of the Cowboys’ five sacks.
Prescott hit Blake Jarwin for a much-needed 42-yard touchdown late in the second quarter. He added a 15-yarder to Michael Gallup and a 45-yarder to Amari Cooper in the fourth.
Brett Maher kicked three field goals, including a 52-yarder in the waning seconds of the first half that gave Dallas the lead for good after falling behind 12-3 in the second quarter. Jourdan Lewis scored on a



A black cat runs onto the field during the second quarter Monday night. The Giants led 9-3 at the time, but that lead quickly evaporated.

63-yard fumble return in the final seconds.
“You can’t lose the turnover battle and expect to win any game,” Giants defensive back Michael Thomas said. “We’re making young mistakes. If we stop them we’ll start playing winning football. It’s not just the offense, it’s defense and special teams, too. It’s two or three plays a game where we hand the other team points.”
Aldrick Rosas’ 25-yard field goal gave the Giants a 12-3 lead with 2:50 left, but the Cowboys scored 10 points in the final 52 seconds of the half to take a 13-12 lead.
The victory gave the Cowboys a half-game lead over Philadelphia (5-4) in the NFC East and improved their record in the division to 4-0, including a win over the Eagles.
The chippy fourth quarter belonged to Dallas and Prescott, who completed 22 of 35 passes for 257 yards. He has thrown for 12 TDs against New York in the last four games.
Jones completed 26 of 41 for 210 yards, including a 65-yard reception by Saquon Barkley.
Before the game was suspended by the cat, the Giants were winning 9-3 and Prescott had 84 yards and an interception by Antoine Bethea on the opening play from scrimmage. After El Gato appeared, Dallas outscored New York 34-9 and Prescott had 173 yards, three TDs and no interceptions.
Jones has dropped five in a row after winning his first two starts. The only other rookie quarterback who lost five in a row after winning his first two was John Elway in 1983, according to STATS LLC.

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Cowboys put hex on Giants

After black cat runs on field, Prescott rallies Dallas past New York » **NFL, Page 31**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Reversal of fortune

Louisville back in contention in wake of 2 major scandals

By GARY B. GRAVES
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville is back in the national championship conversation after the basketball program was knocked on

its heels amid the fallout of embarrassing scandals, including the school's involvement in a federal investigation into college basketball and escorts performing in

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Louisville native Dwayne Sutton, left, is one of the players who stuck around after Louisville's basketball program was rocked by two scandals.

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Marchand powers Bruins past Penguins

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Booker helps Suns hand 76ers first loss

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